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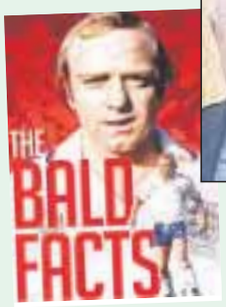

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First loss for Poch's men

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FALL GUY: Saints defender Dejan Lovren is sent flying by a Norwich opponent.

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NORWICH 1 SAINTS 0: POCH'S MEN

REDMOND GOAL SAINTS TO FIRST

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It was Norwich who started the game with the greater intent, and winger Redmond, playing down the left, came close to opening the scoring after four minutes.

After dispossessing James Ward-Prowse, he cut inside and produced an extra burst of pace to take him past José Fonte, before striking a low right-foot shot just wide of the near post.

Bradley Johnson was the next to try his luck for the hosts, controlling an infield pass and taking the ball past Morgan Schneiderlin in one movement, only to pull his left-foot effort well wide from 25 yards.

Saints were then indebted to Artur Boruc for keeping them level in the 16th minute.

Danny Fox committed a needless foul on Robert Snodgrass 35 yards out, with the midfielder's resulting delivery being flicked on by Ricky van Wolfswinkel and chested down six yards out by Leroy Fer.

The Norwich midfielder stretched out his right foot to try and convert the chance, but Boruc made an excellent point-blank save to deny him, before Johan Elmander forced the rebound wide.

Saints' first effort arrived in the 18th minute, as Victor Wanyama dragged a shot from distance comfortably wide.

The visitors should have had a penalty moments later, as Adam Lallana's effort from 20 yards was clearly charged down by Johnson's hands in the area, but neither referee Howard Webb nor his assistant, Mike Mullarkey, were interested in the appeals.

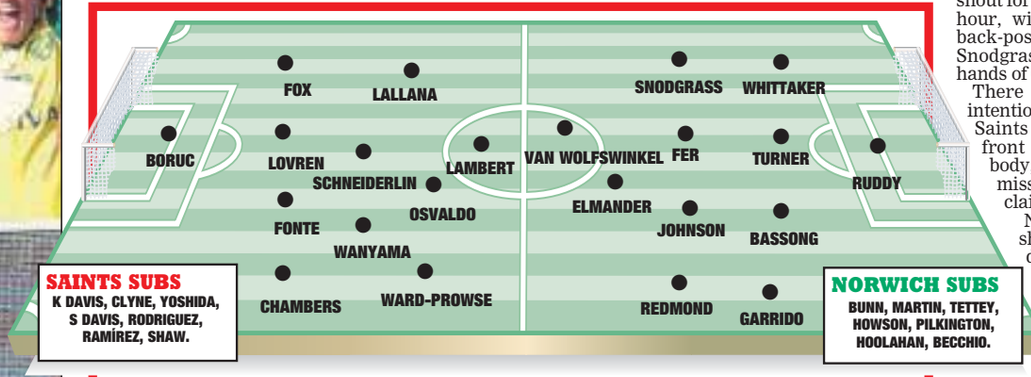
By now, Saints had begun to find a foothold, and Osvaldo, playing off Rickie Lambert, threatened to showcase his spectacular ability when he wound up for an overhead kick from Lallana's right-wing delivery, but Norwich were able to flick the ball away from him before he could connect.

The Canaries had their own shout for a penalty after half-an-hour, with Van Wolfswinkel's back-post header from Snodgrass' cross hitting the hands of Calum Chambers.

There was no hint it was intentional, though, with the Saints full-back's hands in front of, and tight to, his body, with Webb duly dismissing the home team's claim.

Norwich perhaps should have broken the deadlock ten minutes from half-time, with a sweeping move that began with Redmond powering forward from the left side of midfield, dancing past Dejan Lovren with a stepover, and feeding Snodgrass down the right channel.

He, in turn, slipped the ball to Steven Whittaker on the overlap, but his close-range shot from a tight angle flashed wide of the far post.



SAINTS SUBS
K DAVIS, CLYNE, YOSHIDA, S DAVIS, RODRIGUEZ, RAMÍREZ, SHAW.

NORWICH SUBS
BUNN, MARTIN, TETTEY, HOWSON, PILKINGTON, HOOLAHAN, BECCHIO.

TEAM NEWS

MAURICIO Pochettino handed club-record signing Dani Osvaldo a first start in a Saints shirt, following his substitute appearance last week against Sunderland.

Jay Rodriguez was the unlucky one who dropped to the bench to make way for the Italian international, as James Ward-Prowse retained his place following an impressive start to the season.

Luke Shaw was named among the subs, having missed training in the early part of the week due to a slight knock picked up in the fixture against the Black Cats. Danny Fox took his place.

Calum Chambers continued at right-back, despite the return to fitness of Nathaniel Clyne, after strong displays from the 18-year-old in the opening two league games of the campaign.

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Saints Spotlight

FAIL TO SPARK AT CARROW ROAD

CONDEMNS DEFEAT

ABOVE: Dani Osvaldo runs at the Norwich defence.

ABOVE RIGHT: Mauricio Pochettino makes a point.

WINNER: Nathan Redmond celebrates his goal.

At the other end, Lallana was inches away from scoring, lashing a wonderful left-foot volley against the post from 16 yards, after Michael Turner's headed clearance from a James Ward-Prowse free-kick had fallen to the Saints skipper.

Neither manager made any changes in personnel at the break, although Pochettino did make a tactical alteration, moving Osvaldo out left and Lallana into the central position behind Lambert.

Lallana and Osvaldo nearly combined for the opening goal shortly after half-time, with the former helping on Chambers' right-wing delivery to the latter. Osvaldo took a touch and hit a quick-fire shot on the turn, which forced John Ruddy into a fine diving save, tipping the ball round the post.

Osvaldo tested the Norwich keeper again moments later with a low shot, before Fer headed a Snodgrass free-kick just wide.

The livewire Redmond was beginning to give Chambers real trouble down Saints' right-hand side, twisting and turning past him shortly before the hour mark, then delivering a cross that Elmander headed over.

Pochettino's first change came in the 62nd minute, as Lallana, who had been the visitors' biggest threat up to that point, was withdrawn for Gastón Ramírez.

It took a while for the skipper to realise his number had been called, with the midfielder handing Lambert the armband before departing.

The change did nothing to stem the flow of the game, with Norwich continuing to threaten.

Their pressure finally told in the 68th minute, with the goal arriving from the most deserving of sources – Redmond.

After Whittaker won the ball off Schneiderlin on the right, Norwich switched play over to the other side.

Redmond took control of the ball out by the touchline and advanced forward, as Chambers and Ward-Prowse retreated.

The winger then upped his speed, cut onto his right foot, and drilled a low shot past Artur Boruc at his near post from 20 yards.

Pochettino made his second change by bringing on Steven Davis in place of Schneiderlin in the 72nd minute, as he attempted to inject some extra energy into the midfield.

Norwich manager Chris Hughton responded by introducing Jonny Howson for Elmander shortly afterwards.

The changes were breaking up the flow of the game, with another coming in the 78th minute, as Saints brought off Osvaldo and threw on Jay Rodriguez.

He threatened to unlock the Canaries defence almost immediately, chesting down Lambert's clever lofted through-pass, but his touch was a little too heavy, as the ball just ran through to Ruddy.

Davis then had a sight of goal, as the ball dropped to him 20 yards out, but he sliced his hurried shot high and wide.

Saints were committing more men forward, leaving them open on the break, and Redmond nearly exposed them five minutes from time.

Collecting the ball in space on the halfway line, he roared forward, breezed past Fonte, and was only denied by Boruc's save as he slammed a left-foot shot towards the far corner.

The missed opportunity kept Saints alive, as did the four minutes of added time indicated.

But it was Norwich who still looked most likely to score, with Snodgrass bursting through and going to ground in the area, as Fonte leaned in and put an arm across him.

It looked a strong shout for a spot kick, but Webb again said no. It mattered not, though, as the official's whistle shortly afterwards brought the game to a conclusion and condemned Saints to defeat.

SHOULDER TO SHOULDER: Norwich's Bradley Johnson and Saints' James Ward-Prowse battle for the ball.

Pochettino: Cork will not be sold

MAURICIO Pochettino was unable to fathom why his side weren't awarded a first-half penalty in their defeat to Norwich.

Referee Howard Webb and his assistant, Mike Mullarkey, failed to award anything for what appeared to be a blatant handball from Bradley Johnson, as he charged down an Adam Lallana shot in the area.

The decision meant the game stayed at 0-0, with the Canaries going on to win through Nathan Redmond's second-half strike.

"The overall feeling is that we played well, that we deserved a bit more from that match," said the Saints boss. "We don't want to take credit away from Norwich, they actually played very well, but there was a penalty call that was not given and that would have changed completely the nature of the game. It was a penalty that should have been given.

"I don't understand why it wasn't given. The referee was very close to the action, so I really have no idea why it wasn't given. It was blatant."

Pochettino also poured cold water on reports that midfielder Jack Cork could be on his way to Fulham.

"There's no offer from Fulham," he said.

Asked if he would be willing to sell him, Pochettino responded: "He's a first-team squad member, he's a part of this team. If we start selling players we're only going to be left with just 11 players, so no."

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Saints Spotlight

Stars upstaged

LOCKED IN COMBAT: Norwich City's Bradley Johnson and Southampton's Adam Lallana.

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AS the teams were announced at Carrow Road, it was hard to believe that Norwich City v Saints was a League One fixture just three-and-a-half years ago.

With £14.6m Dani Osvaldo handed his full debut just behind Rickie Lambert, Victor Wanyama in central midfield and last year's record £12m signing Gaston Ramirez sat on the bench, nouveau riche Saints boasted a significant array of talent.

Norwich have not done too badly in recent seasons either, and their starting line up included a not inconsiderable summer outlay in £8.5m Ricky van Wolfswinkel, who was presumably the reason for the strong German presence in the Carrow Road media lounge prior to kick off.

But it was Nathan Redmond – a relative snip at £3.2m from Birmingham City last month – who stole the show.

On this evidence, the 19-year-old Brummie is worth significantly more and fully deserved the only goal of the afternoon.

He had gone close when cutting in from the left at the beginning of the first half, only to shoot narrowly wide of Artur Boruc's right-hand post.

> "Redmond – a relative snip at £3.2m – stole the show."

But he made no mistake when, early in the second half, he again cut in on to his right foot. This time, however, me made no mistake with a powerful, right-footed shot that whistled past Boruc.

What is most exciting about Redmond is that he is a left-footed midfield talent who happens to be English (he was born in Birmingham) – and he is still in his teens.

His first goal for Norwich was nearly followed by a second.

He continued to lead Saints a merry dance, running full tilt past Jose Fonte and winning a corner when Boruc turned behind his thumping drive.

It was not the first time he nonplussed Fonte, having run several yards unchallenged before selling the Portugese a dummy in the first half. On that occasion, the move

Fans pay tribute to Hammond

FOLLOWING Dean Hammond's, below, move to Championship side Leicester City on a two-year deal, Saints fans have been paying tribute on the *Echo* website *dailyecho.co.uk* to the midfielder and the part he played in the club's back-to-back promotions.

Log on now to join in the debates ...

Leeds Mush says...
All the very best of luck Deano. I will never, ever forget your goal against Leeds (for obvious reasons)!

Positive Saints says...
We should not forget the contribution players like Dean made to making our Premiership dream a reality. It is a shame players like Dean and Sharp were not given an opportunity to try out the Premiership, but you have to trust the managements judgement on which players are able to make the step up.

All the best Dean at Leicester and thanks for giving your all, fans can ask no more of any player.

LeTissLeGod says...
Good luck Dean,thanks for three great seasons

sotoncretin says...
A real hero on our climb and great to see him go to a decent sized club. Cheers for all you did for the club and team.

Saintsayer II says...
A good move for Deano, a great move for the Foxes.

rob the saint in NZ says...
Good luck Deano.
You will always be remembered for a being central part of our meteoric rise back to the Premier League.
Rest assured you will also be made very welcome at SMS should our paths ever cross.

Southseachris says...
Fully agree with all the above comments. A fine player for us and good captain, all the very best for the coming season.

el caballo santos101 says...
Cheers Deano, one of the happiest days of my forty years on the planet was when we got back to the prem, and you played a big part in making that happen. Remember getting home after the game and watching it again on TV and seeing the delight as you were interviewed in the tunnel. Well done sir and good luck at and Leicester, still rate Nigel Pearson as a manager.

WECOMING4U says...
Good honest professional who more than played his part in the Saints going marching in.

MORE NORWICH v SAINTS REACTION IN MONDAY'S *ECHO*

Saints Spotlight

by young star...

FULL DEBUT: New signing Dani Osvaldo was handed in his first start in a Saints shirt in the 1-0 loss at Norwich and, below, Victor Wanyama.

ended with Steven Whittaker's cross flashing across the face of goal.

Redmond, pictured right, ran the show and certainly looks a better buy than Ramirez, who did not have the desired impact after replacing a clearly disappointed Adam Lallana.

He gave Norwich the sort of width that Saints patently lacked, providing pace and aggression down the left and giving Chambers the run around at times. Meanwhile, Osvaldo failed to have the impact he would have hoped for after being handed his first start in a Saints shirt.

He was given a rude welcome to the English game when he was floored by Michael Turner's right elbow as they contested a high ball.

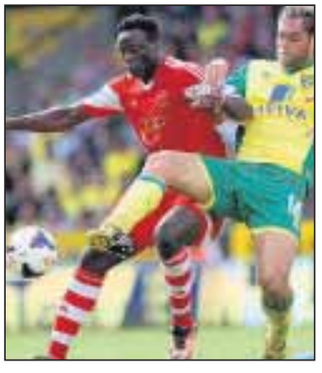
Ten minutes earlier, he had spun Turner with ease but seen his shot well saved by John Ruddy.

In truth this summed up Saints day, which did not go to plan from the start, many of the fans delayed by lengthy tailbacks on the A11. Saints could not complain too much about first defeat in eight meetings with Norwich, a run stretching back to the Canaries' 1-0 win at St Mary's six seasons ago.

But they were very unfortunate not to be awarded a first-half penalty, Howard Webb waving away the appeals when Bradley Johnson appeared to stop Lallana's shot from point-blank range.

Then Lallana slammed a left-footed volley against the outside of a post following a headed clearance.

Which made the decision to replace him with Ramirez all the more strange. Still, it is a long season and we are only three games in.



LUIS BOA MORTE

£1.75m ex Saint signs for Hants League club

EX-SAINT Luis Boa Morte has caused a stir in the world of non-League by signing for Hampshire Premier League outfit Four Marks.

The Portuguese international winger cost Arsene Wenger £1.75m when he signed him for Arsenal from Sporting Club de Portugal in 1997.

Now Lisbon-born Boa Morte, 36, will be playing his football a staggering 11 steps down the pyramid for the east Hampshire club who are currently propping up the HPL Division One having lost their first two games.

He is a friend of Four Marks manager Leighton Jones who works as security manager at one of his old clubs Fulham.

Boa Morte played a part in Arsenal's double-winning season of 1997/98, making 15 league appearances.

He was signed for Saints by Dave Jones in August 1999 for a fee of about £500,000, but lost his place when Glenn Hoddle took over and eventually moved to Fulham, initially on loan.

He made 17 appearances during his time at The Dell, mostly as a substitute, and scored one goal – a thunderous left-foot drive in the 3-2 defeat at Watford in December 1999.

Boa Morte went on to make more than 150 appearances for Fulham and just short of 100 for his next club West Ham.

From there he moved to Greece to play for Chris Coleman's Larissa FC but left after just seven league appearances and moved on to South African outfit Orlando Pirates.

His last professional club was Chesterfield where he played a handful of games on a short-term contract.

TODAY'S PREMIER LEAGUE ACTION – SEE PAGES 6-7

Premiership Spotlight

Local and national football fixtures for the week ahead

Monday, September 2
CALOR SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division: Hitchin v St Albans, Redditch v Hungerford.
WYVERN COBINATION LEAGUE
Premier Division: Eastleigh v Sholing.

Tuesday, September 3
JOHNSTONE'S PAINT TROPHY
Northern section first round: Crewe v Accrington Stanley, Hartlepool v Bradford, Notts County v Burton Albion, Port Vale v Bury, Scunthorpe v Sheff Utd, Shrewsbury v Oldham, Tranmere v Fleetwood Town, Wolverhampton v Walsall.
Southern section first round: Brentford v AFC Wimbledon, Cheltenham v Plymouth, Dag & Red v Colchester, Exeter v Wycombe, Gillingham v Leyton Orient, Milton Keynes Dons v Northampton, Torquay v Portsmouth.
CALOR SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division: AFC Totton v Truro, Bideford v Weymouth, Biggleswade v Burnham, Chesham v Bashley, Hemel Hempstead v Bedford, Hinckley v Banbury, Stourbridge v Chippenham.
Division One South & West: Bridgwater v Paulton Rovers, Cinderford v Cirencester, Evesham v Bishops Cleeve, Godalming v Didcot, Mangotsfield v Taunton, North Leigh v Guildford, Shortwood v Fleet Town, Thatcham v Wimborne, Tiverton v Clevedon, Yate v Merthyr Town.
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
SWL Cup, second round: Alresford v Downton, Bournemouth Poppies v Hythe & Dibden, Sholing v Tadley Calleva.
Premier Division: Bemerton HH v Christchurch, Blackfield & Langley v Lymington Town, Horndean v Fareham Town, Newport IoW v Moneyfields, Romsey v AFC Portchester, Winchester City v Whitchurch.
PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE
Premier Division: AFC Stoneham v QK Southampton, Bishops Waltham v Winchester Castle, Colden Common v Otterbourne, Headley Utd v Liphook, Hedge End Rangers v Fleetlands, Liss v Clanfield, Paulsgrove v Baffins Milton Rovers.
Division One: Lyndhurst v Infinity.
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Premier Division: Dorchester Town v Bemerton HH, New Milton v AFC Totton.

Wednesday, September 4
JOHNSTONE'S PAINT TROPHY
Southern section first round: Bristol City v Bristol Rovers.
CALOR SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division: Cambridge City v Arlesey, Corby v St Neots, Frome v Poole Town.
Division One South & West: Swindon Supermarine v Stratford.
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
SWL Cup, first round: Amesbury v Hamworthy Utd.
PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE
Premier Division: AFC Aldermaston v Overton.
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Premier Division: AFC Portchester v Winchester City.
Division One West: Ringwood v Verwood.

Thursday, September 5
EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP (selected)
Qualifying Group Three: Holland U21 v Scotland U21.
Qualifying Group One: England U21 v Moldova U21 (Madejski Stadium).
UNDER-19 INTERNATIONAL
Estonia U19 v England U19.
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Premier Division: Moneyfields v Wimborne Town.
Division One East: Folland Sports v Newport IoW.

Friday, September 6
FIFA WORLD CUP
European Qualifying Group A: FYR Macedonia v Wales, Scotland v Belgium, Serbia v Croatia.
Group B: Czech Republic v Armenia, Italy v Bulgaria, Malta v Denmark.
Group C: Germany v Austria, Kazakhstan v Faroe Islands, Rep of Ireland v Sweden.
Group D: Estonia v Holland, Romania v Hungary, Turkey v Andorra.
Group E: Norway v Cyprus, Slovenia v Albania, Switzerland v Iceland.
Group F: Northern Ireland v Portugal, Russia v Luxembourg.
Group G: Bosnia-Herzegovina v Slovakia, Latvia v Lithuania, Liechtenstein v Greece.
Group H: England v Moldova (8pm), Poland v Montenegro, Ukraine v San Marino.
Group I: Finland v Spain, Georgia v France.
EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP
Qualifying Group One: San Marino U21 v Wales U21.

Saturday, September 7
FIFA WORLD CUP
European Qualifying Group F: Israel v Azerbaijan.
SKY BET FOOTBALL LEAGUE
League One: Bradford v Brentford, Carlisle v Port Vale, Crawley Town v Gillingham, Crewe v Peterborough, Milton Keynes Dons v Swindon, Rotherham v Sheff Utd, Tranmere v Stevenage.
League 2: Burton Albion v Oxford Utd, Cheltenham v Portsmouth, Chesterfield v Accrington Stanley, Dag & Red v Exeter, Fleetwood Town v Torquay, Hartlepool v Wycombe, Newport County v Mansfield, Northampton v Scunthorpe, Plymouth v Bristol Rovers, Rochdale v Bury, Southend v Morecambe, York v AFC Wimbledon.
SKRILL CONFERENCE
Premier: Aldershot v Macclesfield, Alfreton Town v Woking, Braintree Town v Forest Green, Chester FC v Dartford, FC Halifax v Barnet, Gateshead v Hereford, Hyde v Cambridge Utd, Lincoln City v Salisbury, Luton v Grimsby, Nuneaton v Wrexham, Tamworth v Southport, Welling v Kidderminster.
South: Bishops Stortford v Havant & Waterlooville, Concord Rangers v Dorchester, Eastleigh v Bromley, Ebbsfleet v Bath City, Farnborough v Dover, Gosport Borough v Maidenhead, Hayes & Yeading v Chelmsford, Staines v Eastbourne Borough, Tonbridge Angels v Sutton, Weston-super-Mare v Boreham Wood, Whitehawk v Basingstoke.
CALOR SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division: AFC Totton v St Albans, Bideford v Bedford, Biggleswade v Hungerford, Chesham v Truro, Corby v Bashley, Frome v Arlesey, Hemel Hempstead v St Neots, Hinckley v Weymouth, Hitchin v Poole, Redditch v Banbury, Stourbridge v Burnham.
Division One South & West: Bishops Cleeve v Shortwood, Cirencester v Mangotsfield, Clevedon v North Leigh, Didcot v Yate, Fleet Town v Bridgwater, Guildford City v Tiverton, Merthyr Town v Swindon Supermarin, Paulton Rovers v Evesham, Stratford v Godalming, Taunton v Thatcham, Wimborne v Cinderford.
FA VASE
First qualifying round: Brockenhurst v Hayling Utd, Fawley AFC v Amesbury Town, Hallen v Whitchurch Utd, Hythe & Dibden v Oldland Abbotonians, Keynsham Town v Fleet Spurs, Laverstock & Ford v Cheddar, Pewsey Vale v Folland Sports, Team Solent v Horndean, US Portsmouth v Calne Town, Romsey Town v Bournemouth Poppies, Welton Rovers v Petersfield Town, Winterbourne Utd v Ringwood Town,
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division: Alresford v Totton & Eling, Hamworthy Utd v Sholing, Lymington Town v Christchurch, Newport IoW v Downton, Verwood v Bemerton HH.
Division One: Andover NS v Cowes Sports, East Cowes Vics v Tadley Calleva, New Milton v Andover Town.
PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE
PEHPL Cup, first round: AFC Aldermaston v Upham.
Premier Division: AFC Stoneham v Clanfield, Bournemouth Sports v Hedge End Rangers, Colden Common v Liphook Utd, Headley Utd v Overton, Liss Athletic v Locks Heath, Paulsgrove v Otterbourne, QK Southampton v Bishops Waltham Town, Winchester Castle v Fleetlands.
Division One: Andover Lions v University of Portsmouth, Broughton v Durley, Bush Hill v Lyndhurst, Hamble Club v Infinity, Michelmersh & Timsbury v Four Marks.
Combination Division: Bishop's Waltham v Liss, Clanfield v AFC Stoneham, Fleetlands v Winchester Castle, Liphook v Hamble Club, Otterbourne v Paulsgrove, Overton v Michelmersh & Timsbury.
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Division One East: Alton v Locks Heath, Petersfield v Folland Sports, Tadley Calleva v Colden Common, US Portsmouth v Alresford Town.

CLINCHER: Manchester City's Yaya Toure celebrates his goal against Hull.

Hammers sunk by sub Pennant

West Ham 0 Stoke 1

JERMAINE Pennant stepped off the bench to plunder the decisive free-kick as Stoke left West Ham's Upton Park with a deserved Barclays Premier League victory.

West Ham – Saints' next opponenets on September 15 – seemed destined for a third successive clean sheet in the competition as a dour match headed for a goalles draw, only for referee Jonathan Moss to penalise Mohamed Diame for shoving Glenn Whelan in the 82nd minute.

Pennant, who had recently arrived on the pitch, curled the free-kick over the top of the wall and beyond the reach of keeper Jussi Jaaskelainen to secure Stoke's second Premier League victory of the season.

The better football was played throughout by Mark Hughes' side with Kenwyne Jones, starting ahead of Peter Crouch, Marc Wilson and Jonathan Walters failing to convert first-half chances.

Wilson and Walters were only denied by a magnificent double save from Jaaskelainen when a goal seemed certain.

West Ham finally discovered some urgency in the last 20 minutes, but they were still incapable of troubling keeper Asmir Begovic and two Premier League matches have passed without them scoring.

The return of Andy Carroll, out with a heel injury, can not come soon enough and the England striker is expected to be available for the Southampton game.

This performance may convince Sam Allardyce that reinforcements are needed before the transfer window closes on Monday, while in contrast Hughes must be pleased with the early progress he is making at Stoke.

The visitors' superiority was evident from the start as they moved the ball forward purposefully.

Jones ran almost half the pitch as his strength took him past Kevin Nolan and when James Collins arrived to provide pressure, he skied his shot into the stands from 15 yards out.

Stoke began to ride their luck a bit as Diame and Joey O'Brien caused problems either side of the area, but they went desperately close to taking the lead in the 23rd minute.

A dipping long-range shot from Wilson deceived Jaaskelainen, who could only parry it to the side. Walters arrived to bury the follow-up but Begovic reacted just in time.

Stoke were dominating the game but needed to make more of their chances as Steven N'Zonzi thumped a shot into the advertising boards.

It was West Ham who proved wasteful with 10 minutes of the first half remaining after Modibo Maiga directed a perfect cross from Matt Jarvis wide.

The match desperately needed a goal, but as the second half progressed it seemed farther away than ever.

Winston landed heavily on his left shoulder following an aerial duel with Jones but, despite being in obvious pain, he continued playing after a brief spell on the sidelines.

West Ham replaced the ineffective Stewart Downing with Ravel Morrison with almost half an hour left, but a burst of pace from Jarvis proved he was still his side's most dangerous player.

Finally Stoke's defence was having to work as crosses began to arrive into their box with increasing regularity, Reid going close on one occasion.

Demel squared the ball across the face of goal but there were no team-mates in place to take advantage.

Then Stoke struck the telling blow with both substitutes involved – Whelan winning the free-kick that was beautifully buried by Pennant.

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Premiership Spotlight

CITY TAME TIGERS

Man City 2 Hull 0

ALVARO Negredo and Yaya Toure struck in the second half as Manchester City finally saw off a dogged Hull side at the Etihad Stadium.

A week after suffering an unexpected loss to promoted Cardiff, the hosts were again troubled by one of the Barclays Premier League's newcomers in what was an unconvincing display by Manuel Pellegrini's men.

Substitute Negredo, who Hull tried to sign before their doomed last campaign in the top flight four years ago, broke the deadlock after the hour and Toure curled in a last-minute free-kick.

Hull can take many positives from their resilient display, as well as another fine performance by goalkeeper Allan McGregor, but they will rue an early missed chance by Sone Aluko.

Danny Graham, replacing the suspended Yannick Sagbo, also struck only to see a flag raised for offside.

Pellegrini's defence had a more solid look about it with Matija Nastasic fit again to play alongside Joleon Lescott in place of makeshift centre-back Javi Garcia.

But the hosts were slow out of the blocks and Hull took advantage of their lethargy, frustrating the hosts with their determination to defend strongly and chase everything.

Joe Hart, under scrutiny for club and country after an indifferent start to the season, seemed uncertain as Hull made an early move into the box but Pablo Zabaleta cleared the danger.

Hull should have claimed the lead in the seventh minute when Graham's ball took a fortunate ricochet off Nastasic and sent Aluko clear.

But the former Rangers striker squandered a glorious opportunity as he scuffed a low shot wide of the post after reaching the edge of the area unchallenged.

OPENER: Manchester City's Alvaro Negredo.

It sparked a lively passage of play and the in-form McGregor saved superbly at his near post from an Edin Dzeko header at a corner.

Hull had the ball in the net after 11 minutes when Graham slid to meet a superb Robbie Brady cross with a fine volley but the on-loan Sunderland striker was marginally offside.

McGregor was in action again moments later, tipping over a powerful Lescott header from a delicate David Silva cross.

Hull captain Robert Koren then drove narrowly wide after a free-kick was not properly cleared but the game then became rather scrappy.

Manchester City were unable to impose themselves and frustration among the fans was evident, even as early as the 30-minute mark.

Sergio Aguero weaved his way through the Hull defence with a typical jinking run but then lifted the ball into McGregor's arms.

Aguero was also unable to control a Silva pass and Dzeko had a cross bundled behind as the hosts' difficulties continued.

Pellegrini attempted to inject his side with fresh life at the start of the second half, sending on summer signing Negredo in place of Dzeko.

Yet it took Negredo some time to find his radar, with his first contribution being to head a long way wide from a Silva cross three minutes after coming on.

It was a while before the next chance materialised as Hull continued to battle and City struggled to piece together meaningful attacks.

They finally produced some quality to break the deadlock with a good attack down the right in the 64th minute.

Zabaleta got behind the defence and whipped an inviting cross for Negredo, who moved into space and leapt high to plant a firm header past McGregor.

The goal appeared to do the job for the home side and they then played out until the final whistle.

They sat back and looked to strike on the break but they were again unable to muster much to worry Hull.

The visitors pressed until the end and they tried to have one last crack, but Hart punched a Tom Huddlestone free-kick away convincingly and then cleared an Ahmed Elmohamady cross.

And the points were safe in the final minute when substitute Samir Nasri was fouled on the edge of the box and Toure stepped up to curl in a superb free-kick, despite Elmohamady tracking back to the goal-line.

Magpies net for first time in 411 minutes

Newcastle 1 Fulham 0

HATEM Ben Arfa ended Newcastle's wait for a Barclays Premier League goal after 411 minutes to hand Alan Pardew a precious victory over Fulham.

The France international, left, produced a piece of individual magic four minutes from time to create half a yard of space and rifle a stunning left-foot shot past the helpless David Stockdale to claim a first league win of the season.

Until his last-gasp intervention, it looked like being another frustrating afternoon for Pardew and his players as chances came and went without the deadlock being broken.

Papiss Cisse saw a 78th-minute header come back off the crossbar and Yoan Gouffran, who passed up a glorious opportunity against West Ham last weekend, glanced a header harmlessly wide with the goal with his mercy after Yohan Cabaye had been introduced to a mixed reception as a second-half substitute.

But Ben Arfa's inspiration proved enough to send Newcastle into the international break with the win they craved, although with Cabaye's future unresolved and a desperate search for reinforcements ongoing.

Newcastle dominated for long periods as Fulham arrived prepared to soak up what pressure their hosts could muster and then hit them on the break.

However, the killer instinct which has deserted since the end of last season continued to be conspicuous by its absence as a series of openings, albeit few of them clear-cut, went begging.

Mathieu Debuchy and Cisse were both denied by Stockdale before the break, and the keeper did well to claim Ben Arfa's deflected 62nd-minute effort.

Pardew sent on loan signing Loic Remy, the only new face to arrive at St James' Park so far this summer, with 16 minutes remaining, and his arrival prompted a fresh assault on the Fulham goal, although ultimately to no avail.

And it might have been even worse for the 52-year-old when Adel Taarabt was presented with the ball by Fabricio Coloccini 15 yards out, although keeper Tim Krul, who had earlier clawed away Bryan Ruiz's goal-bound free-kick, saved once again.

Back to drawing bored ...

Cardiff 0 Everton 0

MAROUANE Fellaini and Leighton Baines played 90 minutes as Everton picked up their third successive draw against a gritty Cardiff.

The Toffees pair are transfer targets for former boss David Moyes at Manchester United, but the Scot's Goodison Park successor Roberto Martinez had no hesitation in including them at Cardiff City Stadium.

There was no lack of commitment from the pair in a full-blooded contest, although Cardiff will be the happier with the point after being penned back for long periods.

Kevin Mirallas wasted two great Everton chances and David Marshall brilliantly saved a deflected Nikica Jelavic header, while the visitors were left scratching their heads at how they were not awarded a first-half penalty for Gary Medel's rash challenge on Baines.

Cardiff created little; skipper Craig Bellamy took too strong a touch when rounding Tim Howard, with the Everton goalkeeper also beating out a Peter Whittingham corner.

There had been a spring in the step and a bite in the Cardiff challenges in the early exchanges as they looked to unsettle their visitors as they had Manchester City six days earlier.

It made for an uncompromising opening and the first moment of any true quality only arrived when Steven Pienaar's exquisite drag-back took three defenders out of the game, but Ross Barkley could not make the most of the chance.

Corners had played a key part in Cardiff's victory over Manchester City and they almost repeated the trick when Whittingham's inswinger almost caught Howard off guard, but the American recovered just in time to bat the ball away.

But Everton also proved dangerous at free-kicks, and Mirallas and Phil Jagielka ought to have done better from headed opportunities.

Mirallas also glanced wastefully wide when picked out by Jelavic's pint-point cross as Everton took a hold on proceedings.

Fraizer Campbell, the two-goal hero against City, was a peripheral figure and he inadvertently botched what would have been Cardiff's best chance as he controlled a through ball destined for Whittingham.

The hosts were having to cope manfully with sustained pressure, with Medel excelling in midfield, but the Chile international was extremely fortunate not to concede a penalty on 42 minutes.

The Bluebirds' record signing brought down Baines as he charged into the area, but referee Anthony Taylor somehow only awarded a goal-kick.

To compound Everton frustrations Marshall then made an incredible save to palm away Jelavic's header after it had deflected off Ben Turner to leave him wrongfooted.

Having been penned back for much of the first half, Cardiff opened the second stanza with greater attacking intent and were unfortunate that Kim Bo-kyung's outwitting of Jagielka ended with his pull-back going behind his onrushing team-mates.

At the other end Jelavic could only scoop over from Barkley's weighted pass before Fellaini clashed with Campbell.

The midfielder bundled the striker over as he advanced towards the Everton box and then appeared to lean his elbow into him as he got up, but no action was taken.

Cardiff thought they may sneak a winner when Bellamy raced onto a Kim pass, but his touch as he rounded the advancing Howard took him too wide of goal.

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Saints Spotlight

SAINTS' FIRST TEAM FIXTURES AND RESULTS 2012/13

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Sat 24	**Sunderland .....(H)**	D 1-1	Boruc	Chambers	**Fonte 1**	Lovren	Shaw*	Wanyama	Schneiderlin**	W-Prowse	Lallana***	Rodriguez	Lambert	Clyne*	Osvaldo**	Ramirez***
Tue 27	Barnsley (CCC 2) ...(A)	W 5-1	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox	Cork	**S Davis 2**	Isgrove*	**Ramirez 1**	**Rodriguez** 1**	**Mayuka*** 1**	Rowe*	Reed**	Sinclair***
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Cup win shows squad's depth...

SAINTS' opening day win at West Brom was interesting for many reasons: one that opening day wins are as rare as rocking horse mess for Saints, let alone away wins, but secondly for the amount of home grown British players that played a part in that win.

This was only Southampton's second win on the opening day of the season in the last 14 attempts, so that achievement can't be easily overlooked. The fact that the starting line-up contained six English players is even more remarkable.

A recent report from the Guardian stated that only 34 per cent of Premiership players starting on the opening day were English.

Compare that to figures back in 1992, when 73 per cent of players were English, and you see just how much of an achievement that opening day win was.

Add to that statistic Southampton's consistent conveyor belt of young talent and you have a hugely impressive feather in the club's cap. Southampton FC is quite publically being held up as the blueprint for modern English football.

Now take into account Saints' hugely impressive 5-1 away at Barnsley and you see a rosy future ahead for Saints. Seven of the starting line-up were British, and on the bench a staggering six of the seven subs were British and products of our Academy.

After brushing Barnsley aside with a youthful line-up, it now raises the question of what stage does any club take a domestic cup seriously? The quarters? The semis?

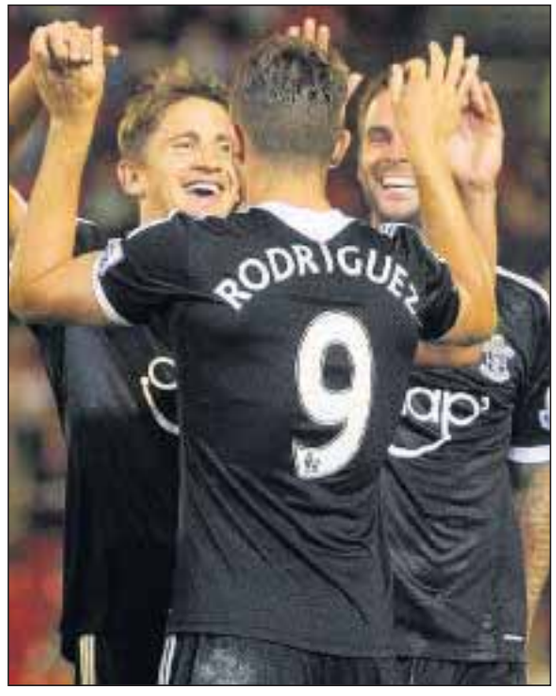
At what point does a club look at a cup run and view it as being a positive thing?

The top five clubs rarely take the cups seriously, least of all the League Cup. How many times have you seen Arsenal field a team of newspaper boys against League 1 or 2 opponents?

I'd hazard a guess and say that Arsene Wenger may well take those cups a little more seriously this time around as they represent the only realistic chance he has of bringing silverware to the Emirates.

To Nicola Cortese and Mauricio Pochettino I say one, simple thing: Take the cups seriously.

When you're winning and playing well you can't play enough football. You could see it in the player's eyes over the last four years, this is a group of players that enjoy playing, look forward to it and have a voracious appetite for it.



GOAL: Jay Rodriguez celebrates his goal at Barnsley in the League Cup in mid-week.

	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG
KELVIN DAVIS	0	0	1	0	284(1)	0
PAULO GAZZANIGA	0	0	0	0	11	0
ARTUR BORUC	2	0	0	0	23	0
NATHANIEL CLYNE	0(1)	0	1	0	35(1)	1
DEJAN LOVREN	2	0	0	0	2	0
VICTOR WANYAMA	2	0	0	0	2	0
DANNY FOX	0	0	1	0	53(10)	1
LUKE SHAW	2(1)	0	0	0	26(6)	0
DANIEL OSVALDO	0	0	0	0	0	0
JOSE FONTE	2	1	1	0	144(3)	13
JOS HOOIVELD	0	0	0	0	66(3)	8
MAYA YOSHIDA	0	0	1	0	34(1)	0

	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG
JACK STEPHENS	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0
JACK CORK	0(1)	0	1	0	97(9)	0
MORGAN SCHNEIDERLIN	2	0	0	0	169(28)	8
ADAM LALLANA	2	0	0	0	202(23)	50
RICKIE LAMBERT	2	1	0	0	188(10)	104
JAY RODRIGUEZ	2	0	1	1	29(11)	10
EMMANUEL MAYUKA	0	0	1	1	3(10)	1
GASTON RAMIREZ	0(2)	0	1	1	21(8)	6
STEVE DAVIS	0(1)	0	1	2	24(12)	4
JAMES WARD-PROWSE	2	0	0	0	12(12)	1
JASON PUNCHEON	0	0	0	0	70(10)	10
GULY DO PRADO	0	0	0	0	77(28)	22

	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG
BILLY SHARP	0	0	0	0	12(6)	10
TADANARI LEE	0	0	0	0	7(5)	2
LLOYD ISGROVE	0	0	1	0	1(1)	0
CALUM CHAMBERS	2	0	0	0	2(1)	0
ANDY ROBINSON	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0
PABLO OSVALDO	0(1)	0	0	0	0(1)	0
OMAR ROWE	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0
HARRISON REED	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0
JAKE SINCLAIR	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0

KEY: LA: league appearances. LG: league goals. CA: cup appearances. CG: cup goals. CSA: career Saints appearances. CSG: career Saints goals.

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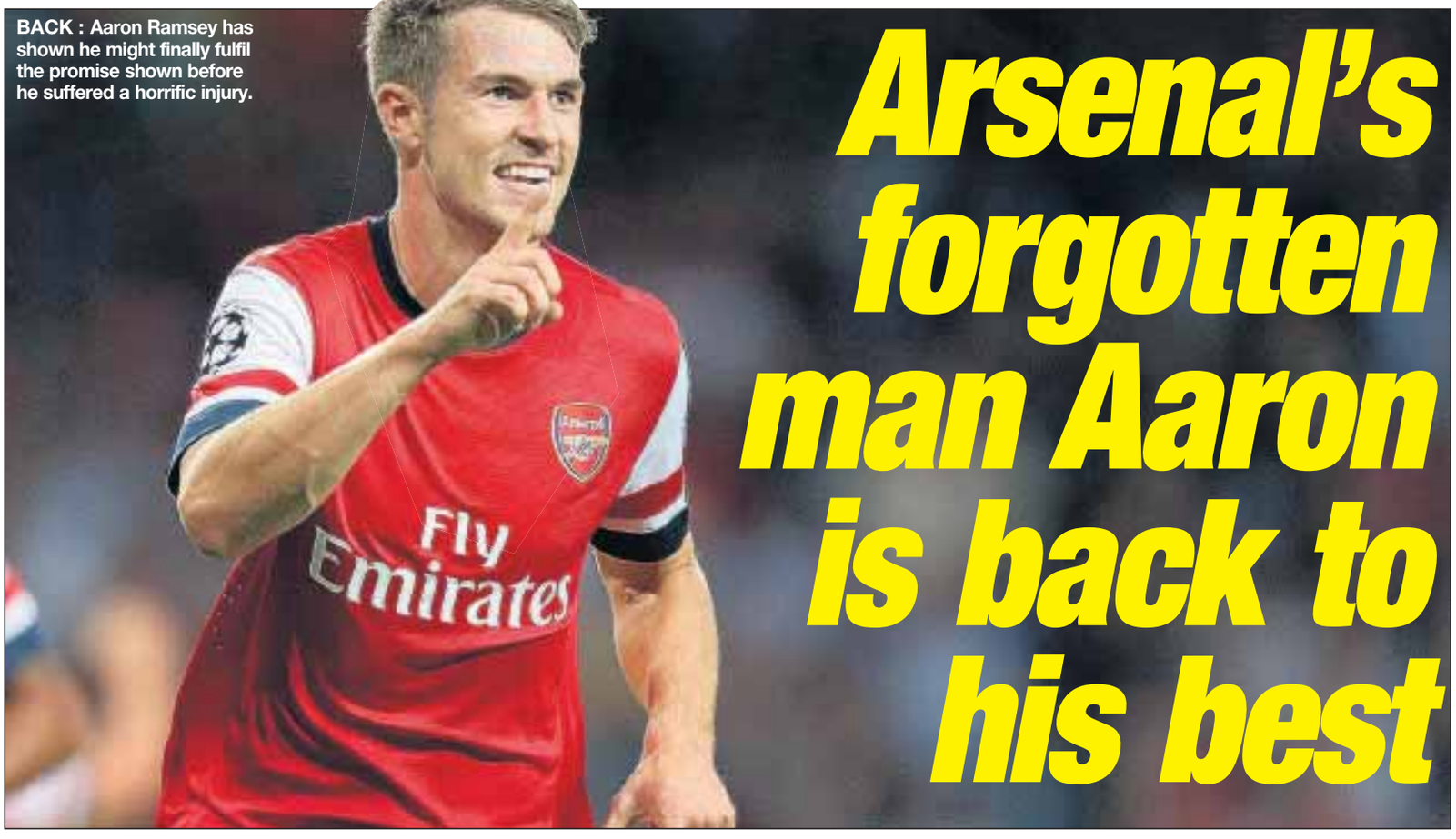


BACK : Aaron Ramsey has shown he might finally fulfil the promise shown before he suffered a horrific injury.

Arsenal's forgotten man Aaron is back to his best

WITH the headlines being dominated by one north-London-based Welshman, there has been another that has flown under the radar somewhat, quietly going about his business without much in the way of fanfare.

Often overlooked in lieu of Arsenal's more recognisable names, Aaron Ramsey has never been what one would consider a fan favourite at the Emirates.

Showing plenty of endeavour but little in the way of the finesse that has become the norm under Wenger, he became something of a pariah as the Arsenal fans chose to vent their frustrations over the team's stagnation, taking particular umbrage towards the young Welshman. In many respects, the fortune of Wenger's team mirrored that of young Ramsey, who had shown undoubted potential, but had ultimately failed to live up to his billing.

He came to the Emirates with a burgeoning reputation, having broken John Toshack's record for the youngest ever Cardiff City player and, after a couple of impressive displays in the FA Cup, he had the biggest clubs in England vying for his signature.

Wenger and his reputation for bringing through young talent won through in the end. His rise to prominence continued in north London, fitting seamlessly into the starting XI – as his performances belied his lack of experience at the top level.

It was at his most promising that he was cut down, when a real blood and guts challenge from Stoke's Ryan Shawcross broke his leg in two places. It was a terrible sight as the youngster lay in agony on the Britannia pitch, his promising career seemingly in tatters.

And so began the long journey back to the playing field.

The Arsenal medical team worked tirelessly, along with Ramsey, and after months of rehabilitation the wounds healed.

The psychological impact remained, however, as they tend to do in cases such as these.

His youthful exuberance and vigour was replaced with a tentative uncertainty, as he became an error-prone liability in the middle of the park for Arsenal. It didn't help matters that Wenger utilised his versatility, as he was asked to play at right wing or right back.

He seemed lost out there, on the periphery where he never quite had the pace or the tricks to fulfil the role.

It is in his central midfield position that he has shown his worth to the team, replacing the fanciful flicks with the simple ability to keep the ball moving, his no-fuss approach seemingly the perfect foil for the attacking talent further up the field. It was in the latter part of last season that we finally began to see the Ramsey of old, with the early exuberance returning to his game as his confidence came flooding back.

And with the continued absence of Jack Wilshere, his role in the side became more prominent. But there was still one aspect of his game that was sorely lacking – goals. All that has changed, though, with his goalscoring return in both legs against Fenerbahce.

His second goal in the second leg, a sumptuous volley that displayed immense technique, showed the confidence that is coursing through his veins at present.

The modern game dictates that it is not enough to simply break-up play, or have an engine. An all-round game is required if you want to make it in the middle of the park.

His performances in the early part of this season have shown him up to the task, as his true worth as a "box-to-box" midfielder becomes known.

He has bossed the Arsenal midfield in the absence of Mikel Arteta, ably protecting the back four, before exchanging passes with Santi Cazorla and Tomas Rosicky and then finding his way into the opposition penalty area in a bid to snatch himself a goal.

He has always had the engine, but he has become a neat and tidy player, shorn of the superfluous flicks and tricks that had Arsenal fans pulling their hair out every time he lost possession – which was quite often.

His passing accuracy of 91 per cent in midweek showed his more precise approach to his football this season. Credit must be given to Wenger for the development of a player that may never have been the same after his horrific injury.

The same cautious approach has been taken with Wilshere, and, with the Englishman alongside Ramsey, Arsenal have a bright future ahead of them.

Provided both players are fit for Sunday's clash with Tottenham, it should make for an absorbing battle in the middle of the park against Moussa Dembele and Paulinho. However, with rumours continuing over Wenger's interest in yet another French midfielder, in Yohan Cabaye, one really has to question whether he is what Arsenal need.

And, with the risk of damaging the confidence of a revitalised Ramsey, is the outlay really worth it?

It may be money better spent on another centre-half or striker. They have plenty of options in the middle-third, and for the moment at least, Ramsey finds himself top of that pile.

Saints star Wanyama is a true gentleman

I RETURNED this week from another marvellous trip to Southampton, after I was invited over by the club to open the new President's Suite at St Mary's.

Before watching the Sunderland match, I managed to conduct an interview with one of Saints' summer signings, Victor Wanyama.

The midfielder is from Kenya – a country which provides a big viewership for the company I work for in South Africa, SuperSport. Victor is a lovely man, and very softly spoken. We had a chat about how he was settling in, his incredible Barcelona moment – which he confirmed was the highlight of his career – and just generally how he sees the season going and what his goals are.

It was wonderful to get the opportunity to speak to him, and I know the interview, which aired on our Monday night football show, will have gone down well.

Saints Spotlight

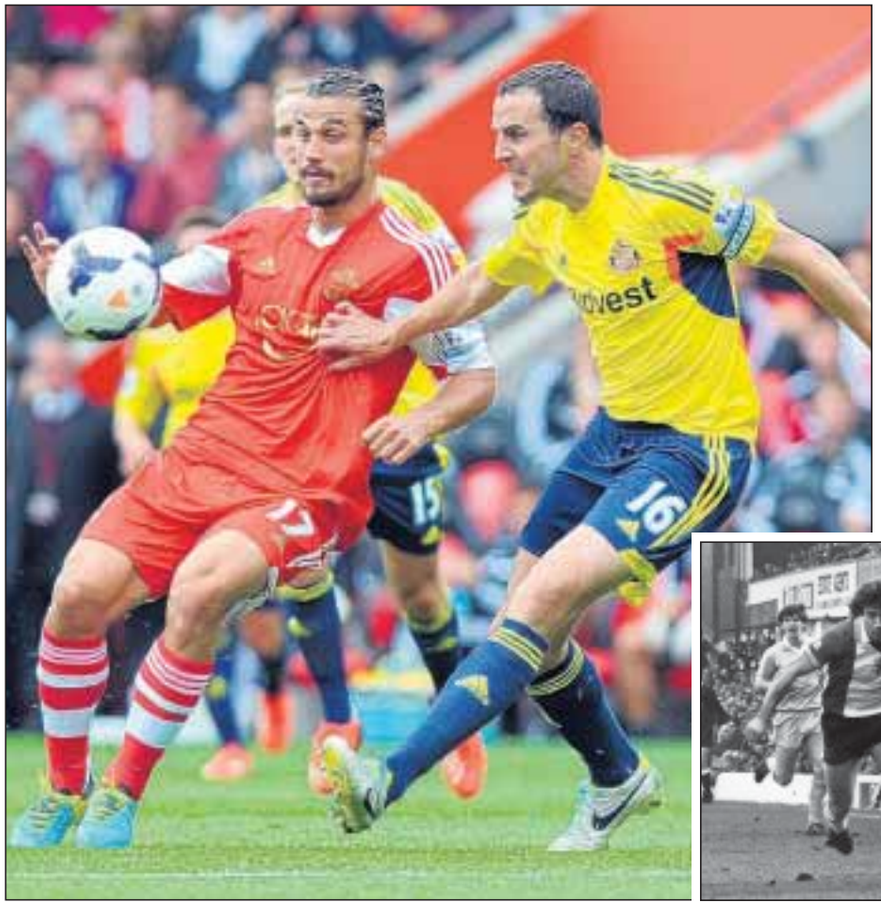
SAINTS' RECORD OF

THE riches at Mauricio Pochettino's disposal showcase a large shift in Southampton's financial power, with the club's transfer record being broken twice already this summer.

Having signed Daniel Osvaldo for a fee that could rise to £15m from Roma, he now tops the list of 22 players who at one time held the position of the club's most expensive signing since the end of the Second World War, *writes DAVID COOK.*

Starting from the days when Football League teams were being re-structured a year on from the end of the war, here we chart every record transfer the Saints have made in that time, including the likes of Peter Osgood, Kevin Keegan and Alan McLoughlin, the first million-pound purchase.

Some proved to be more successful pieces of business than others, but all outline the increase in transfer fees over the decades, with Osvaldo's fee something that nobody could have predicted when even a four-figure fee was a surprise.



ABOVE: Bill Rochford.

LEFT: Current record signing Daniel Osvaldo.

BELOW: Kevin Keegan.

BILL ROCHFORD

The first signing that manager Bill Dodgin secured in the lead up to the first season of the Football League's return was a £550 purchase for a left-back from the Portsmouth team that won the FA Cup in 1939.

"Rockie" went on to become captain, and his experience was useful in helping the younger players at more difficult times. He was considered for the manager's position in 1949, but was overlooked for Sid Cann.

GEORGE LEWIS

A four-figure fee was paid for Lewis, an Army PT instructor during the war, later that summer.

At six foot tall, he was a physical centre-forward, who scored 15 goals in his two years at the club, which were made difficult by a hamstring injury, and he left for Brighton when Charlie Wayman was signed in 1948.

JOE MALLETT

The £5,000 it cost to sign the half-back from Queens Park Rangers more than doubled the previous record transfer and Mallett was the key link between defence and attack.

He played for the club for six years between 1947 and 1953, and returned many years later as a scout.

CHARLIE WAYMAN

It was a 5-0 drubbing at Newcastle United in October later that year that allowed Dodgin to meet with the Magpies' reserves forward, and he was promised a "strawberries and cream lifestyle" before signing for £10,000.

His goalscoring ability has rarely been matched, and he remains the only Saints player to score five goals in a League match, against Leicester in 1948.

But sadly his wife was unable to settle in the south, resulting in his transfer to Preston for the same amount of money plus Eddy Brown, and he left after scoring a record of 77 goals in 107 appearances.

JACK EDWARDS

The Wayman fee was matched in 1949 when Edwards was brought in from Nottingham Forest as forward cover.

Having been linked with Arsenal and Liverpool a few years earlier, his three years at the club would have been seen as a letdown, with only 15 goals being scored before moving to Notts County as part of a swap deal for Alex Simpson.

A turbulent decade followed, with overdrafts to pay and a relegation to the third tier making finances for transfers much harder than they had been previously, and Edwards remained the record transfer for 12 years.

TONY KNAPP

Chairman Ted Bates pulled off a surprise by beating Liverpool boss Bill Shankly to the defender's signature in the summer of 1961 for £27,500, and with Knapp dropping a division from Leicester City.

He was a key part of the Saints team that won promotion back to the First Division in 1966, before being sold to Coventry City for £20,000 a year later, with an appearance tally of 260.

RON DAVIES

A record of 85 goals from 119 games in the league justified a price tag of £50,000 to lure the striker, pictured below, from Norwich City, with the club embarking on their first season back in England's top flight.

His first two seasons at Saints saw him top the division's scoring charts, and it saddened fans to see him move to rivals Portsmouth after an injury hit third season in 1969.

TOMMY JENKINS

A memorable goal against West Ham United after a mazy run was the highlight of the winger's three years at the Dell, after Ted Bates snapped him up for £60,000 from Reading in 1969.

He transferred to Swindon for £50,000 in 1972, and later went on to play and coach in the United States.

BRIAN O'NEIL

Jenkins only stood as the record buy for one year, before hard tackling midfielder O'Neil arrived for £75,000 from Burnley.

Even in the days when referees were more lenient with more physical play, the man nicknamed "Buddah" served nine suspensions in his four years with the Saints, but he was a popular player, due to his drive and tenacity.

JIM STEELE

The Scottish defender won the man of the match award in the famous FA Cup final victory over Manchester United in 1976, and he was another big hit on the terraces after signing for £80,000 from Dundee in 1972.

His career dwindled after moving to the Washington Diplomats in 1977, and after retiring he went on to run a number of pubs in the Southampton area.

PETER OSGOOD

The record fee was trebled in March 1974, as the player known as the "King of Stamford Bridge" was bought for £275,000 from Chelsea.

But the England international was unable to prevent relegation to the Second division that season, and it was only the odd moments of magic that he was remembered for, though he still played a part in winning the FA Cup,

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BIG MONEY MOVES

RECORD MEN: Some of Saints' record signings. Clockwise from above: David Hirst, Rory Delap, Gaston Ramirez and Tommy Jenkins.

and was released from his contract in December 1977.

KEVIN KEEGAN

The former Liverpool forward was the European Footballer of the Year when he stunned the football world by signing for Lawrie McMenemy's team in 1980.

His £400,000 move from Hamburg was the top story in the evening news bulletins, and he did not disappoint, with fast and athletic performances helping the Saints to European qualification in his first season.

The future England manager then picked up the PFA Player-of-theYear award the following year, but he left the club to join Newcastle United that summer, then a second division team, for £100,000, departing with a record of 42 goals from 80 appearances.

COLIN CLARKE

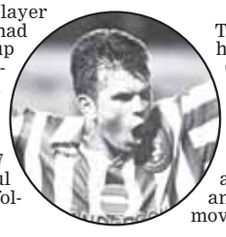
The Northern Irishman got off to a magnificent start for Chris Nicholl's team, becoming the first Saints player to score a hat-trick on his debut, after he had also been signed for £400,000 from Bournemouth on the back of some strong displays at the 1986 World Cup in Mexico.

Like Keegan, a successful two year-stint was followed by his departure, as the striker demanded a move after 36 league goals in 82 games, which ended with a loan spell back at Bournemouth, before an £800,000 move to Queens Park Rangers.

ALAN MCLOUGHLIN

McLoughlin was another player acquired after his reputation had been enhanced at a World Cup Finals, as he became the first million pound signing at the Dell after representing the Republic of Ireland at Italia 90.

But the midfielder did not live up to expectations, playing just 27 times before a more successful seven years with Portsmouth, following a loan spell.



NEIL SHIPPERLEY

Shipperley, pictured above right, was the first big money signing in the Premier League era in 1995, and the £1.25m paid for his services could have been seen as a gamble on a 20-year-old forward from Chelsea.

His time at Saints came to an end under Graeme Souness after Dave Merrington's resignation, as the signing of Egil Ostenstad prompted his transfer to Crystal Palace in October 1996, and the club still recovered £1m for him after a moderately successful spell.

ULRICH VAN GOBBEL

The Dutch defender linked up with his former Galatasaray manager Graeme Souness in 1996, as the Scottish manager brought him to the Premiership for £1.3m.

He was a player who could bring physicality to a defence, but was also at times vulnerable, and he only made two appearances under Dave Jones before moving to Feyenoord in 1997.

DAVID HIRST

Jones brought the former England striker to the Dell in October 1997 for £2million, ending his 11-year spell with Sheffield Wednesday.

After a pleasing first season, where he managed nine goals in 28 appearances, the Yorkshireman only made two more appearances for the club, due to persistent injury problems.

He retired from football in January 2000 at the age of 32.

RORY DELAP

The Irishman initially struggled in a right wing-back position after being bought for £4m from Derby in 2001, but improved under Gordon Strachan as a midfielder.

He played in a 1-0 loss to Arsenal in the 2003 FA Cup Final, and an outstanding goal from a bicycle kick against Tottenham Hotspur in 2004 was another highlight of his five years with Saints before leaving for Sunderland in 2006.

Unfortunately for Saints, they would not be able to spend that amount of money on a player for some time, as relegations and financial troubles marred the first nine years after moving to St. Mary's Stadium from the Dell.

JAY RODRIGUEZ

Delap's 11-year tenure as the record signing finally came to an end in June 2012, and the one time England Under-21 international was the first purchase the club made after promotion back to the Premier League for £7m.

The forward, who signed from Burnley, overcame a shaky start to his Saints career in the latter stages of last season, and ended his first campaign on the south coast with nine goals from 35 games.

GASTON RAMIREZ

The club shocked European football by completing the signing of the Uruguayan from Bologna the same summer, as he had been attracting interest from a number of top European clubs after impressing at the London 2012 Olympics.

Capturing the former Penarol player's signature for £12m was a sign of the club's intent to build on back to back promotions which had seen them make it back to the Premier League under Nigel Adkins.

Ramirez bagged five goals in his first season at St. Mary's, and at 22 is yet to develop into the superstar player he can be.

VICTOR WANYAMA

A fee of £12.5m was enough for Scottish champions Celtic to sell the Kenyan for a record fee for a player in the SPL.

The 22-year-old impressed on his debut at West Bromwich Albion on the opening weekend of this season and Saints fans will expect to see him feature regularly in the first-team.

DANIEL OSVALDO

Saints manager Mauricio Pochettino managed to break the club's transfer record for the second time this summer when re-uniting with former Espanyol forward Osvaldo.

The Italian was signed from Roma for a fee that could rise to £15m after scoring 28 goals in 57 matches for the Giallorossi.

He made his debut against Sunderland last Saturday.

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BOOK of the WEEK

THE REAL JEEVES
By Brian Halford
Sports book of the month price: £13.43, saving 23% on rrp

PERHAPS the first thing that strikes the reader when picking up a copy of Brian Halford's engaging and superbly well-researched *'The Real Jeeves'* is an immediate sense of contrast.

Against a sepia background, a heavy crimson colour protrudes from both a cricket ball and a poppy, deliberately contrasting the conviviality and fun of hazy summer afternoons spent playing cricket and the dark spectre of the First World War.

Percy Jeeves was an outstanding cricketer as the series of contemporary reports, reproduced here, prove, but his fame came later, following the creation of his literary namesake, PG Wodehouse's inimitable Jeeves.

Wodehouse saw Jeeves play cricket only once, but the author considered his name and on-field manner ideal in a different, non-sporting context as Bertie Wooster's suave, urbane butler.

Tracking Jeeves's career from his days as a precocious talent, Halford does an admirable job illustrating the cricketer's rise. His reports of Jeeves's performances are carefully detailed, often interspersed with anecdotes which add enjoyable spurts of pace to the book's narrative.

Yet Jeeves's story is of one man's sporting talent denied – as so many were once they strode gallantly off to war. In every respect, war was responsible for yet another human tragedy.

George Orwell once suggested that the candid writing of soldiers on the Western Front was more touching and revealing than most of the contemporary literature produced by intellectuals. Halford succeeds in weaving some of these writings into the final chapters, ensuring that the harsh conflicts which came to dominate Percy Jeeves's life take on a palpable form.

Strangely, his life, in turn, suddenly becomes far more meaningful. The blurred afternoons playing cricket feel even more distant and poignant, reminding the reader of the senseless devastation caused by the Great War.

PG Wodehouse may have saved the Jeeves surname from anonymity, but Brian Halford has successfully told the tale of the real Jeeves who perished on the Western Front. His body, once capable of thrilling thousands of cricket fans, was never retrieved from the battlefield.

We've teamed up with Sports Book of the Month & have a copy of *The Real Jeeves* to give away.

To win this week's sports book, go to their website (*www.sportsbookofthemonth.com*) and answer the following question:

What was PG Wodehouse's first name?

Armstrong: My

SAINTS legend David Armstrong recalls the end of his playing career following his move from The Dell to AFC Bournemouth in this eye-opening extract from his recently-published autobiography, *The Bald Facts.*

A collaboration with experienced Hampshire journalist Pat Symes, *The Bald Facts* is a tragic human interest story of a previous footballing era – yet with clear topical impact.

It examines the potential for an England international star to fall prey to injury, depression, unemployment, marital problems and ultimately poverty.

After joining Saints from Middlesbrough in 1981, Armstrong played at The Dell for six seasons, making 222 appearances and scoring 59 goals.

The midfielder starred alongside Keegan, Ball and Channon for Saints and was the club's Player of the Season in 1983-4, before ending his career at AFC Bournemouth in 1988.

Now 58, he lives in Fair Oak with his wife Maureen and works for a stationery company, ISL Office Solutions, in Bishop's Waltham.

He also organises Sporting Lunches, the next of which takes place at 12.30pm on Friday, September 6 with Graeme Souness at the Grand Cafe, Southampton, where he will be selling signed copies of *The Bald Facts*. Tickets are still available at £50 per head. To book your place please contact David on 07803 669 815 or 07796 512 071 or email *armstrong.859@btinternet.com*

ABOVE: David Armstrong fires in an effort against Tottenham in 1983.

LEFT: Armstrong leads out Saints in their clash with Everton at The Dell.

RIGHT: Bournemouth boss Harry Redknapp – flanked here by Steve Hardwick, Tony Pulis and Jimmy Case – took Armstrong from Saints to Bournemouth.

FROM ENGLAND TO THE DOLE

FOUR YEARS after playing for England I was on the dole. I hated the process of signing on. The embarrassment and the humiliation of being unemployed was always hard to take but I never had an alternative. Since my football career was ended by injury after a handful of games at Bournemouth in 1988 I have been forced to sign on three or four times, the players' union, the PFA has helped pay my mortgage and the ex-players' association at Middlesbrough has contributed to one of the many operation I have been obliged to undergo to cure a crippling ankle problem which has left me partially disabled.

After I had last gone on to the dole in August 2011 I was so miserable I wrote down in large black capital letters just how I felt. These were the words: HELPLESS, HOPELESS, WORTHLESS, USELSS, DISAPPOINTED, EMBARRASSED, LET YOURSELF DOWN PERSONALLY, LET OTHER PEOPLE DOWN, HURT, SAD, WORRIED.

I have kept that bit of paper as a reminder of just how desperate life could become, how desperate it became once the glamour of my life as a footballer was brought to an abrupt halt. One minute I was a celebrity, the next just another ex-player fallen on hard times, not the first to do so and not the last. A lot of people are on the dole in these days of austerity and I can relate to them.

I can't pretend things have been easy since I was forced into premature retirement, my capacity forever limited by a severely damaged left ankle, the residue of which means I need the helping hand of a £31.62 weekly industrial accident payment and the knowledge that I can never be involved again in football, the only way of life I know anything about.

The worst part is that dole queue. I am not exactly unrecognisable with my bald pate and having played for Southampton and England and living in the area for the best part of 30 years, going down to Eastleigh, my nearest signing-on point has been a deeply hurtful experience.

The man behind the desk asks for your name and you wait for a flicker of recognition and even if it doesn't come, you still think they know who you are.

You also have that unnerving feeling that everyone else is looking at you, whispering, sniggering, 'What's he doing here?' I may, of course, be long forgotten by those who once cheered me from The Dell terraces but the suspicion was always when I went to sign on that they knew who I was.

There was one awful occasion, and I shudder even now to recall it, when I didn't even have enough cash to get to the dole to get my weekly payment. At such moments I wondered what my life had come to.

Beyond degrading

Having to join a dole queue was bad enough, having to ask the PFA and friends at Middlesbrough for money was beyond degrading, but my options were strictly limited. In reality there were no options. I had to ask for money and it's a regret I shall take with me to my old age.

The fact that I'm classed as partly invalid is all the more ironic because I went through my career without injury blemish year after year. Maybe I played too much, preferring to carry injuries from match-to-match hoping they would go away. They often did. Most players of my era did the same, buttressed by the omnipresent painkilling cortisone, and paying for it in later life when, like me they were forced to hobble painfully.

Racking up more than 700 matches I only ever had one serious injury for the majority of it, needing 17 stitches in my left ankle when playing for Middlesbrough after it had been opened up in a clash with Geoff Palmer of Wolves in an FA Cup quarter-final in March 1981.

Nowadays, I would have been substituted immediately by anxious coaching staff. But three decades ago they simply strapped it up and sent me back out again. I even created the equaliser for Terry Cochrane and then played in the replay a few days later with it heavily bandaged and in front of 41,000 people. It never occurred to me or to the staff that I might be rested to allow it to heal. I do remember Lawrence Dunne, the club doctor, saying he needed a brandy when he

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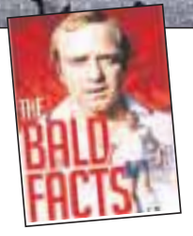

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See page 15 for your chance to win a copy of David Armstrong's autobiography

first saw the extent of the injury, sliced as it was to the bone.

Later, at Middlesbrough during that long run of consecutive appearances, I had some routine X-rays one pre-season where it was revealed I had been playing for years on a fractured left ankle. To this day I have no idea how I got it, not the Palmer tackle for sure, but I just played on, through the so-called pain threshold, so that it mended itself. Was this, though, the precursor for the problems later?

Some six or seven years later, playing for Southampton against Arsenal, I was hurt in a collision with David Rocastle in November 1986. Rocastle went off but I carried on as usual, although the more the game progressed I realised I had again damaged the left ankle. I was sent for an X-ray and the verdict was a flaked bone and slight ligament damage. There was nothing to worry about, or so I thought, even if it meant – for me – an unprecedented long absence. When I began playing again six weeks later I told our physio, Don Taylor, I was still in pain but the club's medics said it was merely the bone healing. I even went on tour after the season ended to Singapore and played in every game but at that time, as I shall explain later, I was in dispute with Southampton over a new contract and left in the summer of 1987 without the injury clearing up or being properly diagnosed. I signed instead for Southampton's near neighbours, Bournemouth, then managed by Harry Redknapp.

When I made that list of how I felt at going on the dole, when it came to letting other people down, Harry was one of those I felt I had let down.

Optimism

I very much wanted to play for him. He was building a good Second Division side and there was an optimism about him and around Dean Court which suggested he could, as he suggested to me, get the club into the First Division. I was flattered by him and by the way he came to my house, walked with me around the fields at the back of my garden and told me what he planned to achieve and how he was going to do it. I duly signed a two-year contract and although the ankle was hurting when I walked, I believed I was young enough and fit enough to become the first outfield player to reach 1,000 first class appearances. I was about 200-300 short and at 32l felt I had plenty of time to reach my target.

In joining Bournemouth I did not have a medical as such. I think they merely looked at my record of appearances over 15 or 16 years and figured there was no need.

Medicals were in any case not as stringent or as detailed as they are now and I'm not sure the problem would have been picked up even if they had insisted I had one.

The shame is that I enjoyed my short career at Bournemouth and we were briefly, right at the start of the season, second in the table, about as good as it ever got for them.

I even scored three goals, one of them against Birmingham, but after half a dozen appearances to include friendles and with the season still young, we went down to Exeter for a Littlewoods Cup match and it was there that my career effectively came to an end.

There was a moment, a tackle, by no means malicious or ill-intended, which I came out of realising that I had sustained something out of the ordinary. My great friend Bobby Kerr, the man who lifted the FA Cup aloft for Sunderland in 1973 after they had so famously beaten Leeds, had been staying with me and had travelled to Exeter to watch the game. When we got back to Bournemouth on the team coach Bobby had to drive my car home through the New Forest because I could not put my foot down on the clutch. I sat in the passenger seat coming to terms with the grim realisation that my ankle had had enough and that my career might well be over.

I soldiered on briefly, making my final appearance before surgery on September 5, 1987, at Hull, where we lost 2-1. For all my difficulties, even in walking, I played in every minute of seven matches in 21 days, but the ankle just would not keep me going any longer. More's the pity because at that time in beating Exeter over two legs we won through the Littlewoods Cup to play against my old club Southampton in the next round. How I would have loved to have played at The Dell again, if only to prove a point or two to some key people there, in particular the manager, Chris Nicholl. Bournemouth went on to create something of an upset by beating the First Division side 3-2 on aggregate and I only wish I had been able to play some part in the triumph. Instead I had already been in for my first operation and listened to both matches on the radio while contemplating my future.

While my Bournemouth teammates were deservedly enjoying the victory, one of the best in their recent history and all the sweeter for it coming against local rivals, I was visiting a consultant – and not before time. When I did, I got a shock.

The consultant went through my medical history and wanted to give me an X-ray under the induced stress but there was no need for stress-induction because I was already in severe discomfort. He said there were problems dating from the Rocastle incident but the Exeter tackle had finally finished me off.

Had Southampton sent me for a scan, as they should have done, the previous November after that Arsenal match, it would have shown, as I was now to discover, that I had been attempting to play on with a completely severed ligament. No wonder I had been in pain.

There was nothing else that could be done without surgery so I went under the knife for the first of five or six operations spread over many years during which I often considered at low moments if I should need a stick or some kind of assistance just to go about my daily business.

With Redknapp having to get by without his star summer signing, I was having a new ligament inserted with tissue hacked from another part of my leg. There was not ever much chance of coming back from major surgery like that, but even now there is no what they call articular lining and the red scars, criss-crossing the ankle, some as livid as the day they cut me open, look not unlike a badly-drawn road map.

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Sports Quiz

1. Name Manchester United's Danish goalkeeper.
2. Which rugby union side play their home games at Kingston Park?
3. What is the term used for scoring two under par on one hole in golf?
4. Which football club won the European Cup in 1970?
5. How many ITF singles titles has Dan Evans won?
6. Australia's Aaron Finch hit a record Twenty20 international innings score of 156 against England but who holds the highest individual score in the format?
7. At which club did Sunderland striker Jozy Altidore begin his professional career?
8. Sandy Park is the home ground of which Aviva Premiership side?
9. In which county would you find Towcester racecourse?
10. Which professional snooker player has the nickname 'Angles'?
11. Name the chairman of the Professional Footballers' Association.
12. How many times has Venus Williams won the US Open women's singles title?
13. Which county cricket ground has a Trafalgar Square End and a Pavilion End?
14. Which nation is the current holder of the Women's Baseball World Cup?
15. Englishman Paul Clement is assistant head coach at which Spanish Primera Division football club?
16. Celtic's Georgios Samaras plays international football for which country?
17. Which player beat Britain's Heather Watson in the US Open first round?
18. Tottenham-bound Erik Lamela joined Roma from which Argentinian club?
19. Chris Jordan, newly called up for England's one-day squad, plays for which county side?
20. The NFL's Oakland Raiders and St Louis Rams were both formerly housed in which city?
21. Who won the gold medal in the women's triathlon at London 2012?
22. Lee Smith is a utility back for which Super League side?
23. Mexican boxer Jhonny Gonzalez knocked out compatriot Abner Mares in the first round of their bout to win a world title in which division?
24. Who was the winner of last year's Italian Grand Prix?
25. In which year did Juan Martin del Potro win the US Open?

Answers: 1. Anders Lindegaard; 2. Newcastle Falcons; 3. Eagle; 4. Feyenoord; 5. Nine; 6. Chris Gayle, 175 (for Royal Challengers Bangalore); 7. New York Red Bulls; 8. Exeter; 9. Northamptonshire; 10. Alan McManus; 11. Clarke Carlisle; 12. Twice (2000, 2001); 13. North Marine Road (Scarborough, Yorkshire); 14. Japan; 15. Real Madrid; 16. Greece; 17 Simona Halep; 18 River Plate; 19 Sussex; 20 Los Angeles; 21. Nicola Spirig; 22. Wakefield; 23. Featherweight; 24. Lewis Hamilton; 25. 2009.

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QUOTES of the week

"Kenny is a talented player who absolutely gave the best of himself when he was on Scotland duty. In my time as national coach it has been a pleasure to have a player with his ability and experience in the squad" **- Scotland boss Gordon Strachan, right, pays tribute to striker Kenny Miller, on retiring from international football.**

"I know if I had been Everton manager and Sir Alex (Ferguson) had come asking for (Leighton) Baines and (Marouane) Fellaini I'd have found it very difficult to keep them. I always thought the right thing to do was the right thing for players" **- Manchester United manager David Moyes on his transfer targets.**

"We gave our version and the policeman, at 1.30am, knocked on my door again. I don't know if he loved me" **- Sunderland manager Paolo Di Canio explains events, hours after an altercation involving Southampton fans in a Hampshire hotel.**

"The boy was silly - it was a rush of blood. He's done something stupid but we have got away with it today" **- Hull manager Steve Bruce, below, criticises striker Yannick Sagbo for his dismissal, for aiming a headbutt at Russell Martin, in the 1-0 win over Norwich.**

"The time is right to maybe take a backward step but not to forget the statistics. With the DRS, we've ended up with the correct decisions about 97 (per cent, in this summer's Ashes series), so again an improvement of around five or six percentage points" **- ICC chief executive Dave Richardson ponders the future direction of cricket's decision review system.**

"Fielding can be a bit of a bore sometimes and warm-ups definitely get me down, but the run-scoring is something I want to keep going" **- Kevin Pietersen offers a frank assessment of cricket's pros and cons.**

"We did go out to the middle of the pitch, all the lads, drinking beers, singing a few songs and enjoying each other's company. I think the call of nature might have come once or twice, but it was nothing untoward" **- Graeme Swann on reports England players urinated on the Oval pitch while celebrating their Ashes victory.**

"I think he's already made his decision. I don't like to speak before time because football can be crazy. I know what the player wants. The best thing to do is to do the medical in secret. After that when you sign the contract with the club and the player, you say 'done'" **- Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho, right, struggles to hide his delight at revealing his club had hijacked Tottenham's deal for Brazilian forward Willian.**

"Maybe someone will steal him as well" **- Tottenham boss Andre Villas-Boas refuses to count his chickens on the prospect of signing Steaua Bucharest defender Vlad Chiriches following the Willian episode.**

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I deeply regret not being able to help Redknapp and fulfil his vision for myself and the team. Redknapp has of course gone on to manage at the highest domestic level and came so close to leading the national team and I can see why. He has this ability to speak in layman's terms, no tactical overload, to everybody – player, fans, press, directors – in the same easy-going, unassuming manner. There were many of the man-management qualities in him which I also found in McMenemy. As long as you gave them 100 per cent on the pitch, they would look after you and treat you properly.

In both cases, McMenemy and Redknapp, they knew how to get the best out of disparate talents and backgrounds and weld them into a coherent team and unit. Redknapp liked footballers, which may sound a little odd, and wanted them to get the best out of themselves and in return he got the respect of the players who were keen to perform for him. Believe me, not all dressing rooms are behind the manager and not all managers are respected by their players. Redknapp wanted you to enjoy your football and that included in training from Monday to Saturday.

We went home with a smile on our faces but, make no mistake, Harry was ambitious and you knew that he would eventually move on from Dean Court when the opportunity arose, even though he never appeared in any hurry to leave what I suspect we both considered to be a nice, happy, family club.

At the time of my injury, I was settled on the left side of midfield, proving to myself and others that I could still make useful contributions in that position. To my great annoyance I had previously been playing at left-back, against my will, at Nicholl's Southampton and the change when I went to Bournemouth was starting to breathe new life into my career, as I hoped it would.

The same consultant told me my career was over. The ankle, even after the initial operation, was still not functioning without it hurting and when I went to see him I knew what was coming. To save myself from further unnecessary punishment he told me it would be best I retired.

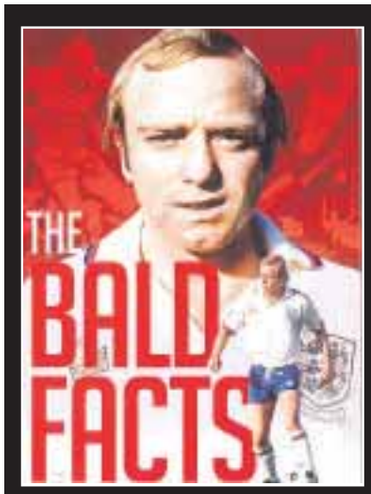
FIGHT

I didn't put up a fight. There was no point even if I thought I knew what I was about to lose. This was 1988 and it was all over at the age of 33. I had made a brief, desultory attempt to comeback but my final game was at home to Barnsley in March 1988 and even then I had to be substituted. It could have been worse, I suppose, I might have had the same conversation with the consultant at 24 or even 17 and at least I had a career to look back on.

The problem was that I was convinced I had more to give and that I was still some distance from a natural conclusion. But that was it. I hobbled out of his consulting rooms not knowing what lay ahead and, with a young family to feed, more than a little fearful of the future. The feeling I most remember of that time, strangely, was of letting people down. I had signed for two years and all Bournemouth could do was pay me up after a year in which I hadn't played much and wish me well. It was then that I first went on the dole, struggling to get through the job centre door so excruciating was the pain, to the extent that I could not even stand up for more than a minute of two at a time.

I had no idea what to do. My ambition was to be a player-coach somewhere, maybe a player-manager to learn my trade so that one day I could become a full-blown manager, but it didn't take a genius to work out that no one was going to give a job to a guy so crippled he couldn't put any weight on his damaged ankle. To get anywhere in football I was going to need a coaching certificate so I did at least get that started, studying for my FA full badge at Aberystwyth under Jimmy Shoulder, who had brought Ryan Giggs through, and only myself, David Giles and Osher William came away from the course qualified.

I had always been interested in coaching, attending one in Durham City in 1979 organised by George Wardle. But, truth to tell, I was running out of money from my pay-off by the time Bournemouth threw me a lifeline, making me their football in the community development officer, a post created jointly by the PFA, the FA and the Football League, which at least kept me involved in the football without paying nearly as well as when I was a player. There was no doubt I was going to have to get used to a much-diminished lifestyle.

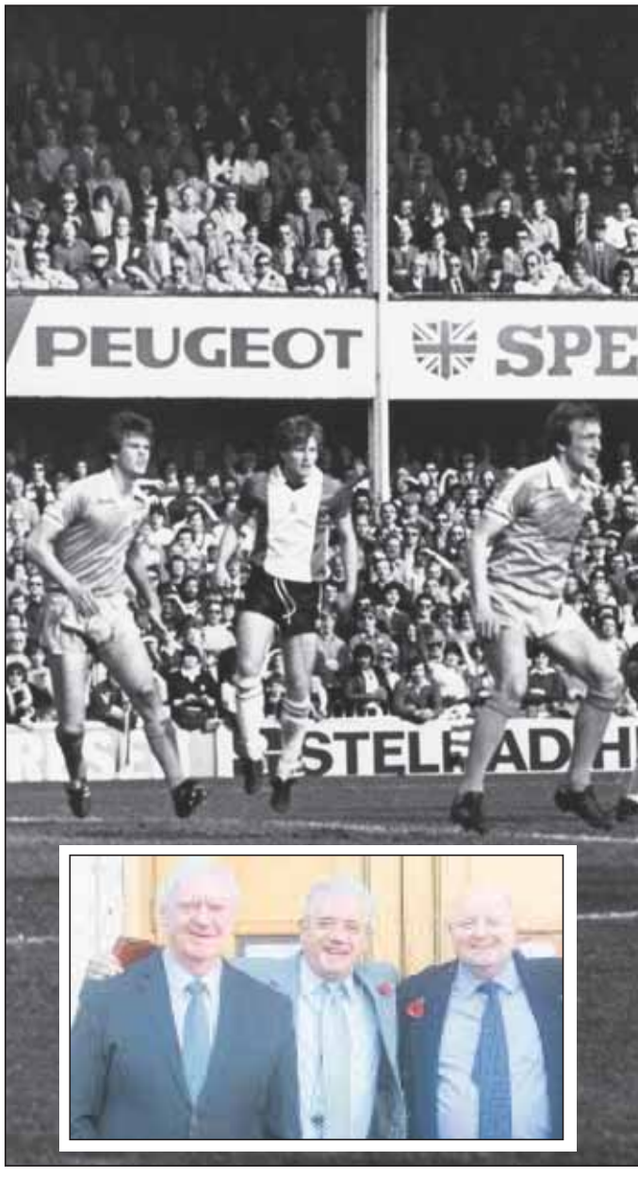


SPORTS PINK COMPETITION

David Armstrong has kindly provided copies of *The Bald Facts* to give to three *Sports Pink* readers, who correctly answer the following question:

Which three clubs did David Armstrong play for during his career?

Please email answers to *echosport@dailyecho.co.uk* by 12pm on Friday, September 6



GOAL: David Armstrong rises to head his 13th goal of the season and put Saints two up against Stoke City in March 1982 and, inset, Armstrong in more recent years with fellow ex-Saints Lawrie McMenemy and Kevin Keegan.

Working with the Dorset FA, going down to Weymouth and Dorchester and such places, I learned quickly about other aspects of football, the importance of projecting a public profile, of meeting people and raising money.

All was going well until Redknapp left for West Ham in 1992. I applied for his job in the belief that as an ex-player to a high level and after learning more about another side to the game in my present position I was perfectly qualified. The manager's position went instead to his coach, Tony Pulis, on Redknapp's recommendation, which left me distinctly vulnerable. Pulis, who, of course, eventually followed Redknapp into the Premier League, was not going to be happy to think that within Dean Court was a man who also thought he could do his job. So within days of his appointment I went to see him to reassure him of my support and to point out I had no desire to be his rival in any way. I told him I didn't want him to see me as a threat because I was happy minding my own business in my job in the community office.

Pulis was in his first managerial role and had been given the task of reducing a massive wage bill left behind by Redknapp. It was not going to be an easy task and by 1997 the debts were so big the club was famously within 15 minutes of folding. By then I was long gone. In fact I was gone within three weeks of my meeting with Pulis.

Luckily, and I needed some luck, a job similar to that I had been doing at Bournemouth came up at Reading and I snapped it up gratefully. Reading were not then Premier League material, as they are now, and were playing at homely Elm Park in the centre of town, a club in size not unlike Bournemouth with much the same level of ambition until wealthy businessman Sir John Madejski and his money came along. I fancied the challenge, knew what the job entailed and worked contentedly alongside managing director Mike Lewis.

Mark McGhee was the Reading manager at the time and through Reading and the PFA I gained a further qualification, an NVQ assessor's badge and the urge to get involved on the playing side remained as strong as ever.

It was always hard, as an ex-player, to spend the week working at a stadium for a club and then not to be part of what happened on the Saturday when the place was alive and the adrenaline was flowing. Not long into my time at Elm Park McGhee left and was replaced by the joint managership of Jimmy Quinn and Mick Gooding. It was a brave move by the chairman, putting two senior professionals in charge of players who had been their pals and contemporaries but it worked for a time.

Quinn, a former Northern Ireland international striker, and the experienced Gooding knew I was in the building and they knew of my background. One day they asked me if I would like to get involved on the playing side again, do some coaching, work with individual players, that sort of thing. In many respects this was just what I had been looking for and working towards with my badges but deep down I knew it couldn't possibly work. The reason was my sore, woollen and carved-up ankle, gnawing away at me, dogging my every step. There were times when it was so painful even a bed sheet placed upon it hurt as much as if someone had taken a hammer to it.

Quinn and Gooding were insistent I tried and try I did. In one match against Wolves I was invited into the dressing room before the start to give a little talk and help prepare the team for the battle ahead. For a wonderful few hours I was back in the environment I understood, loved and craved, back among footballers on a match day, carried along by the smell of liniment in the nostrils and the excited banter of the players. How I wished at that moment I was still playing. But then reality kicked in, the realisation that there was no way I could sustain a coaching role in my state of disability. How could I have worked with players on the training ground every day of the week when I was barely able to walk? So I had to be honest with the managers. There was a job offer on the table and all I had to do was say I wanted it and it was mine. But I went to Quinn and Gooding and told them that, much as I would have relished such an opportunity, I was going to have to turn it down.

It was a heartbreaking decision to have to make, but it was best to be honest because I

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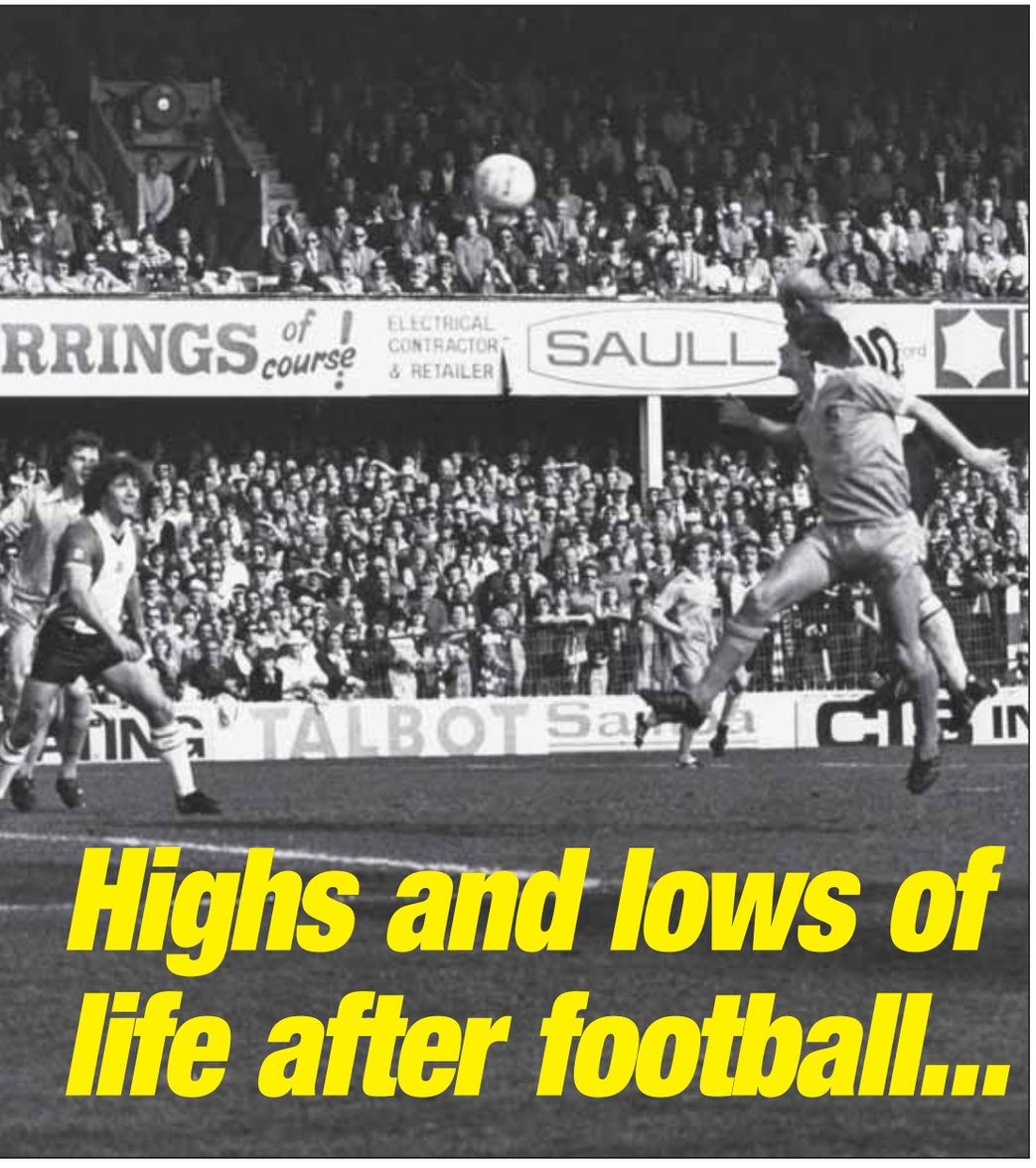


Highs and lows of life after football...

knew I could not have partaken in any kind of physical activity on the training pitch, however peripheral, and in the long term I would have been letting people down if I had accepted. At the back of my mind, though, was always the belief that I would one day be fit enough for such a role. Indeed I still reckoned I could do some kind of job on the playing side, somewhere, as long as it didn't involve running around.

For that reason I must have applied for around 50 jobs as manager, as a scout and in commercial departments. The nearest I got to a manager's job at that time was at Scarborough when they were still in the league. I was called for a 5pm interview and as I pulled into the car park after a long drive I saw Andy King, the former Everton player and Swindon manager, coming out. He stopped long enough to tell me that according to the local paper the next manager was going to be Steve Wicks who had already been appointed.

I duly went into the interview expecting to be told to turn around and go home but the courteous board of directors never mentioned Wicks and I had a good interview, leaving with hope renewed. But, sure enough, Wicks did get the job, lasting ten matches before quitting. I like to think I could have brought much more to the table, so to speak, had I been made manager. My background was north-eastern, I had lots of contacts in the game who might have come to us for money-earning friendlies and I knew how to raise money from my time in commercial departments, especially in finding top class speakers for dinners.

Mike Lewis, who had been acting as consultant to the Southern League club Waterlooville, got me a job there as general manager, which I considered to be a step up because I was in effect running the club, and despite it being in the Portsmouth area, my Southampton links were never a hindrance. It was closer to home for a start and I was responsible for the whole of the funding in all the usual ways plus putting on sportsman's dinners at which Jack Charlton and Duncan McKenzie were among the guest speakers.

Billy Gilbert, the former Crystal Palace and Portsmouth defender, was manager and it was soon clear that no matter how much money I raised it was never going to be enough to cover costs, not least the huge wages paid to part-time professional players. The more I shovelled in through sponsorship, advertising boards, holiday coaching courses and after-school clubs, the more it disappeared the other end into Billy's playing budget.

It was not Billy's fault because he had to pay the going rate, often for players who had never been near a Football League club and never would. It was inevitable it couldn't continue and eventually Waterlooville merged with nearby Havant to become Havant and Waterlooville but by then I had left without ever being able to fill the financial gap.

From there I dropped to the Wessex League in a full-time post of commercial manager of Lymington and New Milton. It was not ever going to be ideal but I had a mortgage to pay and mouths to feed and the most I could do was make sure our house, the one remnant of my more prosperous playing days, was not repossessed, as it so nearly was on one occasion.

I was surprised to learn that even at this much-reduced level players were being paid and again with more money than I could ever expect to bring in for them. To be honest the players were not a great deal better than fit parks-pitch players and New Milton had been obliged to merge with neighbouring Lymington for financial and facility reasons. This is of course the big problem in football at all levels, the money generated off the pitch never adequately covers wages. I don't blame players for getting as much out of the game in terms of wages as they can because as I knew to my cost, it's a short life. But you shouldn't expect to pay wages at places like New Milton.

Around that time I was doing a little coaching in the evenings with local league clubs in the Southampton area like Colden Common and Netley, and Trevor Parker, in charge at Bashley of the Southern League, asked me to help him. I agreed on one condition, that he paid my expenses because I couldn't afford petrol from my home at Fair Oak to Bashley in the New Forest, all of 25 miles away. Things were that bad. Parker talked about a full-time job if we got promotion and when we were promoted I waited for him to carry out his promise. I am still waiting.

All the while my ankle was causing me agony. From that first operation in 1987 to the sixth and hopefully last in June 2011 I endured continual misery. It blighted my life and prevented me from fulfilling what I believe was my destiny within the game but the old 'war wound' wouldn't let me. Only now can I walk properly thanks to the skills of surgeons but even then only cautiously. I have to watch every step because I have re-adapted the way I get about and it's not easy or natural. I have to check the surface I walk on in case there are dips and bumps, I need to turn with care and I will never, ever be able to run again.

Even allowing for a healthy appetite, the result of my lack of movement is that I now weigh something in the region of 16 and a half stone, which for a man of 5ft 7ins is, I admit, far too much. I had an endoscopy, arthroscopy and operations to clean out the crystallised, flaked bone within. Eventually I was told the ankle required fusing and I shall be forever thankful to the PFA and the Middlesbrough Ex-Players' Association for helping with the funding. Pitifully, there was no way I could have afforded it on my own.

Sadly, after going to both organisations and begging for their help, I knew straight away the surgery hadn't worked. For three months I was obliged to keep my plastered foot off the ground, knowing deep down that the operation had been a failure. I lay on my sofa every day for three months in a state of despair and only the support of my family and friends I had mentioned earlier got me through this daily crisis. The highlight of those endless days was watching a woodpecker coming to my garden to feed off the lawn and the bag of nuts put out each day by (my wife) Maureen. I envied the bird's mobility.

The reason the operation was a failure was because I had been prescribed, as it transpired, the wrong sort of anti-inflammatory drugs. Luckily, it being a medical mistake there was a duty of care which meant the same surgeon, Dr Uglow, an acknowledged expert in ankle problems, carried out a further operation at the Spire Hospital in Southampton on the NHS.

RELIEVED

This one, I am massively relieved to report, worked and now I can actually walk pain-free for the first time since I did the damage at Exeter all those years ago. To put it in perspective, the victory is a small one. The ankle may not hurt any more but there is no joint in it and I have no flexibility, although I consider this a small price I have happily paid for the simple pleasure of getting about.

What I did lose was the years when I might have been playing with the children, the middle years of my life when I could have been far more vigorous than I was. The industrial accident award, however meagre it might seem, has been a help over the years and came after an appeal not long after I had finished playing but there was a stage when we were living hand-to-mouth and every little bit has been appreciated. Had that last operation failed again the next option was to drill two holes in the sole and insert yet more pins. Thankfully it never came to that. As it is, I have enough metal in the foot to set off airport alarms every time I go through them.

The outcome is that my whole life was ruined by a football injury. It messed up what I thought would be a natural progression through the world I know best. Had I not been such an invalid I would have concluded my playing career two or three years later than I did and then moved upwards since my background should have opened doors. But I adapted and so too did my family.

My lowest point was lying on that sofa in my sitting room, bored, fearful, out of work and in silent pain. There was a dark moment when I seriously considered cutting off the bottom part of my leg.

There was many a night when I cried myself to sleep. I guess I was feeling sorry for myself but it was all a million miles from Wembley and the recognition of fans across the country.

I am glad they never saw me in such an agonised state. Fame of any kind is wonderful while it lasts in a seductive sort of way but we all know of sportsmen who, like me, fell on hard times.

I am so pleased mine are over but it was a wretched journey.

QUOTES of the week

"Spoke to Darren Lehmann last night. He apologised for his comments, I accepted it. He said they were made in Jest for banter. Done" **- England bowler Stuart Broad tweets in a bid to end feud with Australia coach, who labelled Broad's refusal to walk after an edge in the series opener as "blatant cheating".**

"I was only winding him (team principal Martin Whitmarsh) up. That was very unfair of me, but I was just stating a fact (about the signature). It's obviously not going our way at the moment, but it will, and I'm very happy here, I feel good here, and I still feel we can achieve so much together. I'll be here for my future in Formula One" **- Jenson Button, above, makes it clear his future will be with McLaren, having mischievously stated ahead of the Belgian Grand Prix that there was not yet a signature from the team on his contract option for next year.**

"As far as we know in Scotland the agriculture is very developed so it shouldn't be an issue to find a sheep" **- Shakhter Karagandy boss Viktor Kumykov said the Kazakh club planned to continue their sheep-sacrificing ritual ahead of their second-leg clash with Celtic.**

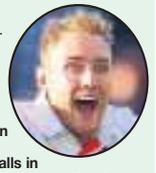
"It could have been a bad night for us. The crowd smelt blood but it turned out nice in the end. I wish them all the best for the remainder of the season, I think they will do very well" **- Fulham boss Martin Jol pays tribute to Burton after they took his side to penalties in the Capital One Cup.**

"It's something that I have thought for many years, why do top teams in the cup in England have to go out easily against League One and League Two sides? I don't understand. But I understand now. I was worried, and I was right...I am very, very happy for 15 minutes; I am very, very angry for 75, so the balance is not very good" **- Paolo Di Canio, above, learns lessons from the Capital One Cup after his side narrowly avoided a giant-killing at the hands of MK Dons.**

"There has been a lot of negativity this week. In Scotland we are too ready to put the boot in. They got what they deserved tonight" **- manager Neil Lennon hits back at Celtic's critics after their dramatic win over Shakhter Karagandy to reach the Champions League group stage.**

"I don't know what it was. It was just agony. The stick I'm going to get back home is devastating" **- Great Britain's Dan Evans, who took a medical time-out to get his nipples taped during his surprise win over Bernard Tomic at the US Open.**

"He made it his day in quite spectacular fashion. Sometimes you just have to say that was a very special innings" **- England Twenty20 captain Stuart Broad, right, on Aaron Finch's world record 156 from 63 balls in Australia's victory at the Ageas Bowl.**



"It's not the first blow he's had to his face, I'm sure he'll get over it" **- Broad on Joe Root - who had an infamous pre-Ashes altercation with David Warner - after he was hit by a Josh Hazlewood delivery in his unbeaten 90.**

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An incident in an Eastleigh v Salisbury match

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Non-league Action

Eastleigh get back on track at Boreham Wood

EASTLEIGH returned to winning ways and recorded their fourth clean sheet in five matches as they overpowered an out thought an inferior Boreham Wood side, winning 3-0 at Meadow Park.

The portents were good for the Spitfires when in the first minute Stuart Fleetwood struck a wicked free kick against the frame of post and bar.

Eastleigh had to wait until the 41st minute to break through when Craig McAllister, pictured, headed in Dan Spence's near post cross.

The lead was doubled on the hour when Fleetwood broke into the hosts' area and clipped a low shot in at the far post.

After Matthew Ball had rattled the visitor's bar with an 18 yard half-volley Jai Reason completed the scoring by drilling an 80th minute penalty low and hard into the middle of the goal after Ben Strevens had been up-ended by Mario Noto.

T&E keep Sholing at bay in FA Cup

TOTTON & Eling lived to fight another day following a gritty 0-0 draw with Sydenhams Premier title favourites, Sholing, at Millers Park in the FA Cup preliminary round.

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The Millers gave the Boatmen an uncomfortable afternoon, deservedly forcing a replay at Portsmouth Road on Tuesday.

Sholing were without unavailable midfielders Byron Mason and Tyronne Bowers, while T&E's problems grew when Byron Gharibian and Shaun Hughes pulled out on the morning of the match.

Nevertheless, it was the home side who made the early running with lively striker Jude Nwachurwu putting an early header over and Steve Marwood chancing his arm from distance.

Sholing took ten minutes to wake their ideas up, forcing successive corners – the first of which was deflected wide from Lewis Fennemore's flicked header.

The Boatmen peppered the T&E box with some testing deliveries, but the Millers stood up well to the pressure and were unsettling the Boatmen with their terrier-like tackling.

Fennemore delivered a searching cross in Lee Wort's direction, but it landed just behind the prolific marksman, who was being tightly marked.

With the home side working tirelessly on another warm August afternoon, Sholing had yet to muster a shot on target.

And it was the underdogs who threatened to take the lead on the half-hour when Ben'yela Ngwa out-jumped Sholing's towering defence and headed on for Nwachurwu, who appeared to have a free run at goal. But the experience of defender Pete Castle rescued the visitors with a perfectly timed tackle inside the box.

On 37 minutes Sholing lost Nick Watts to injury, forcing Marvin McLean to switch to the left wing with substitute Barry Mason taking over on the right.

Mason immediately made his mark with a dangerous cross which T&E managed to head out for a corner.

With stoppage time approaching, Mason unleashed a full-blooded shot from distance which ricocheted behind and, from Kev Brewster's corner, Danny Cox headed wide.

Brewster's cross narrowly evaded Mike Carter at the far post at the start of the second half, but still Sholing struggled to trouble T&E's new goalkeeper Kevin O'Rourke.

The visitors had probably their best chance on 53 minutes when Lee Thorne was penalised for climbing all over Ashley Jarvis.

With frustration creeping into Sholing's game, the Millers began to ruffle their feathers once more and the Boatmen scrambled away a low, goal-bound shot by Danny Fox.

Wort was a shadow of his normal self as demonstrated when skipper Carter picked him out with a sublime cross-field pass, but Thorne immediately dispossessed him.

Fennemore was withdrawn on 68 minutes, making way for young gun Tom Ashton to get his first taste of first-team football.

Brewster then went off injured and another of Sholing's home grown youngsters, Dan Miller, came on, while Will McNamara replaced the experienced Marwood.

T&E's Murray Holmes became the first player booked on 76 minutes for shoving McLean, but Cox curled the free kick just past the back post.

On 80 minutes there was a nasty clash of heads between Cox and Ngwa as T&E crossed from the left and, with the referee failing to blow as the pair crashed to the ground, Fox dipped a shot just over for the never-say-die Millers.

Ngwa continued after treatment, but Cox needed further attention and a change of shirt before rejoining the action.

T&E had another chance when Lee Bright gave a free kick away, but Matt Brown was right behind Holmes' 20-yard shot.

Two minutes into stoppage time, hearts were in Totton mouths when O'Rourke sprinted out of his area and missed the ball, which landed straight at Wort's feet.

But, having cut inside, the off-colour striker slammed the ball straight at Luke Ansell.

There was still one last piece of drama to come when young Ashton was penalised for fouling Richard Bridle.

Holmes slung the ball into the box, Ansell steered it goalwards and Ngwa somehow put it over, although the linesman had already flagged for offside.

City's fighting spirit pleasing for boss Mikey

SALISBURY City's rookie manager Mikey Harris stated that defensive problems needed to be "ironed out" after the club had lost their opening three Skrill Conference Premier fixtures.

And the introduction of Oldham Athletic loan signing Glenn Belezika certainly paid dividends over the Bank Holiday weekend as the Whites followed Saturday's 1-0 home win over Aldershot with a gutsy 0-0 draw at Welling United on Monday.

Midfielder Theo Lewis, pictured below, was both hero and 'villain' in the space of three eventful days.

Having secured a hard-fought victory over the Shots with a 69th-minute header, he was somewhat harshly shown a straight red at Welling for a challenge on Kurtis Guthrie.

But Salisbury's ten men valiantly held out for a point – even surviving a late penalty miss after goalkeeper Will Puddy had been penalised for fouling Doug Bergqvist inside the area.

Salisbury's hearts were in their mouths when Joe Healey stepped up to the spot with just seconds remaining, but the Welling man screwed his penalty wide.

"I've told my players how proud I am of them," beamed Harris afterwards.

"The victory on Saturday – my first as Salisbury manager – was great, but the draw feels better. What a fantastic point to achieve away from home.

"To go down to ten men before half-time, losing Theo, was tough.

"But the way we dug in and worked for each other was fantastic and we had our chances to win it as well."

Belezika, 18, arrived at the Raymond McEnhill Stadium last week on a one-month loan from Oldham.

The versatile right-back/centre-half was recommended to Latics by former player Djeny Bembo-Leta after the pair used to have kick-abouts together in a Manchester park.

No sooner had he signed his first professional contract for Oldham than he made his first-team debut for the club.

The Camden-born defender went on as a late substitute in the 3-0 loss against Sheffield Wednesday in April last year.

After a strong finish to the 2012/13 season, Belezika – whose parents originate from the Democratic Republic of Congo – was offered a new deal for 2013/14 and Oldham have an option to extend it.

Salisbury have also signed central defender Angus MacDonald following his release from Reading at the end of last season

The 20-year-old is already a familiar face at the Raymond McEnhill Stadium, having previously been on loan with the Whites.

MacDonald started his youth career with Reading, making his first-team debut in June 2011, and has had loan spells with Basingstoke Town, Torquay United and AFC Wimbledon.

Cherries/Pompey Spotlight

CHERRIES FIXTURES

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O'Kane		
Sat 10	Watford (A)	L 1-6
Grabban		
Sat 17	Wigan (H)	W 1-0
Grabban		
Sat 24	Huddersfield (A)	L 1-5
Pugh		
Wed 28	Watford (LC2) (A)	L 0-2
Sat 31	Doncaster (A)	W 1-0
Pitman		

SEPTEMBER

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Tue 17	Barnsley	(H)
Sat 21	Middlesbrough	(A)
Sat 28	Blackburn	(H)

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Sat 5	Millwall	(H)
Sat 19	Notts Forest	(A)
Sat 26	Leicester	(A)

NOVEMBER

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Sat 18	Watford	(H)
Sat 25	Charlton	(A)
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FEBRUARY

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Sat 22	Barnsley	(A)
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Tues 8	Reading	(H)
Sat 12	Yeovil	(A)
Fri 18	Sheff Wed	(H)
Mon 21	Ipswich	(A)
Sat 26	Notts Forest	(H)

MAY

Sat 3	Millwall	(A)

Brett fires Cherries to first away win...

BRETT Pitman laid claim to netting the winning goal as Cherries stopped the rot on the road with a deserved 1-0 victory at Doncaster today.

Pitman was credited with the final touch after Charlie Daniels's 30th-minute free-kick had caused mayhem in the Rovers 18-yard box.

Victory saw Cherries chalk up their first away points in the Championship following heavy defeats at Watford and Huddersfield.

Cherries made a promising start with Elliott Ward's goal-bound effort deflected wide and a Harry Arter strike blocked following a Charlie Daniels corner.

Arter then tried his luck from 30 yards, the midfielder's strike flashing past the upright, before Ryan Fraser fired into the arms of Rovers goalkeeper Ross Turnbull.

Pitman went close to breaking the deadlock after 20 minutes when his header from a Daniels cross struck the crossbar with Turnbull beaten all ends up.

Cherries goalkeeper Ryan Allsop safely gathered a volley from David Cotterill before Rovers defender James Husband was booked for clattering Fraser.

And from the resultant free-kick, whipped in by Daniels, Pitman claimed the final touch at the far post to nod Cherries into a 30th-minute lead. Cotterill's poor challenge on Arter sparked angry exchanges between the two camps with rival bosses Eddie Howe and Paul Dickov having words on the touch-line.

Referee Simon Hooper opted to show Cotterill a yellow card for his misdemeanour – the tackle lighting the blue touch-paper for a fractious conclusion to the first half. Rovers midfielder Paul Keegan struck a free-kick straight at the wall before Allsop followed Cotterill into the referee's notebook for time-wasting.

Bongani Khumalo's heroic block prevented Arter's thunderous drive finding its way through to Turnbull before Cook charged down Chris Brown's snapshot.

Pitman was booked for clattering Husband right in front of the Rovers dugout before Allsop's stunning save kept out Coppinger's strike in first-half stoppage time.

Richie Wellens seized on a loose ball and fired over the top 10 minutes into the second half before Theo Robinson did likewise after turning sharply on the edge of the box.

As Cherries went in search of a second, Ward's drive cannoned off a defender before Turnbull's top-drawer save kept out Grabban's glancing header.

Turnbull also pouched Pitman's curling free-kick before Coppinger's ferocious strike fizzed past the upright after 73 minutes. And Grabban headed over from close range after substitute Mohamed Coulibaly had centred.

ON TARGET: Brett Pitman netted the opener for Cherries in their clash at Doncaster.

Ex-Saint off as Pompey lose

POMPEY were cruelly undone by two goals in the last three minutes as they fell to a 2-0 defeat at home to Chesterfield after playing the entire second half with ten men following the sending off of ex-Saint David Connolly just before the break.

An 87th minute strike from Armand Gnanduil and one in the 90th minute from Tendayi Darikwa maintained Chesterfield's unbeaten record so far this season.

The defeat was cruel on the hosts, who had started the game brightly and had the first chance of note, when centre half Joe Devera headed just over from a dangerous corner from Ricky Holmes.

At the other end a smart save from John Sullivan kept out a powerful strike from Chesterfield's Jay O'Shea before another of Pompey's centre halves – this time Johnny Ertl – saw a chance go begging.

However, the host's hopes took a hit just before half-time when Connolly, right, was given a straight red card after an altercation with Sam Hird. And Chesterfield attempted to take an instant advantage of the extra man, with O'Shea firing over when well placed and Gary Roberts trying his luck from 40 yards but seeing his effort also go over.

Pompey came out firing in the second half and had two good shouts for a penalty early on as both Andy Barcham and Ricky Holmes appeared to be tripped in the box within a couple of seconds of each other, but neither was given.

But there was a sting in the tail for Pompey as first substitute Gnanduil was allowed a free header and made no mistake to nod home the winner.

Then, just two minutes later, Darikwa was on hand to turn home Gnanduil's pass to complete the smash and grab raid.

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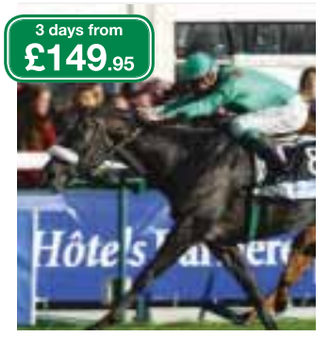

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Cherries/Pompey Spotlight

Ex-Saint Surman hails Cherries' big new signing

CHERRIES' successful swoop for sought-after South African striker Tokelo Rantie came as no surprise to Johannesburg-born loan star Andrew Surman.

Ex-Saint Surman, who joined Cherries on a season-long loan from Norwich City in July, hailed the arrival of the international frontman and lauded the Dean Court outfit for their ability to attract big names.

Rantie agreed a four-year deal with Cherries after signing for an undisclosed fee – believed to be a club record – from Swedish club Malmo on Wednesday.

The 22-year-old frontrunner, who was understood to have been a target for Scottish giants Celtic and Championship rivals Middlesbrough, has scored three goals in 12 appearances for Bafana Bafana.

And while some Cherries supporters may have been taken aback by the high-profile capture, Surman was not shocked by the move.

"I can see why it is an attractive club," Surman said. "Bournemouth have a good structure and a lot of money behind them, as well as some really good players and a manager everyone believes in.

"I am not surprised he chose to come here and it is great for the club to attract players like him. Hopefully, he can hit the ground running and put away some of the chances we have been creat ing."

Surman, who was raised in South Africa until he was eight years old and was approached about the prospect of playing for Bafana Bafana last year, said he would do all he could to make Rantie feel at home.

Surman said: "My mum and dad still live out there for six months of the year but I have not been back since.

"I know a bit about the culture there and I will have a bit of a chat with him. I'm sure he will settle in very quickly. I have managed to and that is because there is a good group of lads here."

Cherries move is go for Rantie

CHERRIES' big-money record signing Tokelo Rantie has been granted a work permit to ply his trade at Dean Court.

Management duo Eddie Howe and Jason Tindall yesterday attended a Football Association hearing in London to discuss Rantie's application.

The South African international, who penned a four-year deal with Cherries on Wednesday, was given the green light by FA chiefs.

Assistant boss Tindall said: "The player needs to complete some paperwork and will be available to play in our next home game."

Rantie, who joined Cherries for an undisclosed fee from Malmo, has been capped 12 times by South Africa.

He is currently in Sweden and will link up with Bafana Bafana next week after being named in their squad for a World Cup qualifier against Botswana in Durban a week today.

The frontman is still awaiting international clearance but is expected to make his Cherries debut in the home clash with Blackpool on Saturday, September 14.

ON THE BALL: Malmo FF's Tokelo Rantie takes on Drogheda United's Alan McNallyduring the recent UEFA Europa League, First Round Qualifying match.

POMPEY FIXTURES

AUGUST

Sat 3 Oxford (H) . . . . . .L 1-4 Agyemang
Tues 6 B'mouth LC1 (A) .L 0-1
Sat 10 Accrington (A) . . .D 2-2 Connolly 2
Sat 17 Morecambe (H) .W 3-0 Wallace, Connolly, Agyemang
Sat 24 Mansfield (A) . . . .D 2-2 Barcham, Connolly
Sat 31 Chesterfield (H) . .L 0-2

SEPTEMBER

Tues 3 Torquay FLT1 . . . . .(A)
Sat 7 Cheltenham . . . . . .(A)
Sat 14 Burton . . . . . .(A)
Sat 21 Fleetwood . . . . . .(H)
Sat 28 York . . . . . .(A)

OCTOBER

Sat 5 Rochdale . . . . . .(A)
Sat 12 Plymouth . . . . . .(A)
Sat 19 Bury . . . . . .(H)
Tues 22 Wycombe . . . . . .(H)
Sat 26 Torquay . . . . . .(A)

NOVEMBER

Sat 2 Exeter . . . . . .(H)
Sat 16 Wimbledon . . . . . .(A)
Sat 23 Scunthorpe . . . . . .(H)
Tues 26 Southend . . . . . .(H)
Sat 30 Hartlepool . . . . . .(A)

DECEMBER

Sat 14 Newport . . . . . .(H)
Sat 21 Bristol Rovers . . . . .(A)
Thurs 26 Dag & Red . . . . . .(H)
Sun 29 Northampton . . . . . .(H)

JANUARY

Wed 1 Southend . . . . . .(A)
Sat 4 Accrington . . . . . .(H)
Sat 11 Oxford United . . . . .(A)
Sat 18 Mansfield . . . . . .(H)
Sat 25 Morecambe . . . . . .(A)
Tues 28 Wycombe . . . . . .(A)

FEBRUARY

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Sat 15 Wimbledon . . . . . .(H)
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MARCH

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TAKING TO THE AIR: Riders in the MX2 Grand Prix race at the World Motocross Championships at Matterley Basin take to the air last week (this pic and main pic), while, far left: spectators, riders and their teams enjoy another cracking day's racing.

Daily Echo pics by Chris Moorhouse. Order no: 17013307 & 17013057 (main pic)

Lift off at Matterley

IT was a roaring success – in more ways than one.

More than 30,000 spectators flocked to Matterley Basin, near Winchester, to watch the world's top riders take part in this year's Motocross Festival.

The award-winning circuit played host to the British Motocross Grand Prix – the penultimate round in this year's world championships.

Promoter Steve Dixon praised the family atmosphere and added: "Everything went really smoothly. There were no issues and no traffic problems.

"The event was first held last year and a lot of things have improved since then.

"Everything was a lot slicker and better organised."

Red Bull KTM Factory Racing's Antonio Cairoli won the first race, taking the World Motocross Championship with it.

And that meant the 27-year-old's seventh motocross world title.

It was also his fifth consecutive world crown – made up of 18 race wins and 15 out of 16 possible podium finishes. And it came with one race still to go in the series.

But Cairoli's festival was not without drama.

Having won the first race and the title, the Italian, pictured left, came off his bike in the first lap of the second.

But, in an unfamiliar mid-pack position – he sped back to fourth place, then over-jumped the table and seemingly pulled out. It was later revealed that his bike had a technical fault.

More than 500 riders descended on the award winning track, from renowned motocross legends to young rising stars.

Of the lower classes, Conrad Mewse, a 14-year old from Somerset, stole the show winning the 85cc races.

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Non-league Football

Non-league News

Zebroski on target

FORMER Eastleigh striker Chris Zebroski was on the mark again for Newport County as they picked up their first away point of the League Two campaign at Dagenham & Redbridge last Saturday.

With 25 minutes gone a determined Christian Jolley won the ball back superbly before finding Adam Chapman in space.

He in turn picked out Zebroski, pictured, who cut in expertly from the right and beat two men before calmly passing the ball into the bottom corner for his third goal of the season.

"It was a magnificent goal," purred Newport boss Justin Edinburgh. "We don't seem to get tap-ins at the moment and with our pace and power, we looked a real force in the first half."

The second half was a different story, however, as Abu Ogogo hit back to earn the Daggers a 1-1 draw.

Couch on move again

EX-AFC Totton wideman Aaron Couch is on the move again.

Couch, below, who can operate on either wing, has signed for Calor Southern One Central club Slough Town.

Having started last season at Burnham, Couch – a Totton player four years ago – finished the 2012/13 campaign with Beaconsfield SYCOB.

Blaxall's belter

FORMER Fawley AFC left-back Aaron Blaxall was the unlikely hero for Fleet Town in their first victory of the Southern One South & West season.

The one-time Eastleigh reserve player netted a thumping 84th-minute winner in the 2-1 defeat of North Leigh.

Fleet – managed by ex-Bashley, Totton and Salisbury midfielder Craig Davis – followed that up with two bank holiday weekend draws at home to Mangotsfield (1-1) and at Thatcham Town (0-0).

Nanetti backed for return to pro game

HAVANT & Waterlooville's Christian Nanetti is being backed for a return to the professional ranks.

Hawks boss Lee Bradbury, pictured right, reckons the Italian-born winger – a former QPR youth player – can follow his former team-mate Ollie Palmer (now of Mansfield Town) into the Football League if he builds on his lively start to the new Skrill Conference South campaign.

"This is a big season for Christian," said Bradbury.

"If he does what's asked of him and puts in the hard work, he possesses the ability to play in the Football League.

"The lad has a natural talent, but needs a little tinkering with the nuts and bolts of his game."

Nanetti scored from the penalty spot as Havant warmed up the bank holiday derby at Eastleigh with a 2-0 home win over Weston-super-Mare last Saturday.

He came close to scoring again at the Silverlake two days later when his fiercely struck free-kick crashed off the post, but Havant had to content themselves with a 0-0 draw against one of the title favourites.

Going into today's home game against Tonbridge Angels, the Hawks were the only side in the league not to have conceded a goal.

Eastleigh's Ben Strevens almost broke their stubborn resistance with a header against the crossbar. The ball fell loose in the box but Havant's ex-Saints 'keeper Scott Bevan saved Craig McAllister's follow-up effort.

Reflecting on the game, Bradbury said: "I thought we defended really well against a big, strong side that try to bully you a little.

"It was really pleasing the way we stood up to that."

Eastleigh boss Richard Hill was impressed by Bradbury's men.

"Credit where credit's due, that's probably the best Havant team I've seen for three or four years," he said. "Lee Bradbury has done very well there."

HOLDING BACK THE YEARS

Ex-Saint makes Sydenhams Premier start at age of 52

ADVANCING years are proving no barrier to ex-Saints and Cherries striker Dave Puckett who has proved he can still cut it in the Sydenhams Premier Division at the age of 52!

The Southampton-born forward, who spent many years as a head academy coach at St Mary's, started for Totton & Eling in their 3-1 defeat at Christchurch last week, ***writes WENDY GEE***.

"He was probably our best player," said Millers co-boss Stuart Hussey.

"You can't buy natural ability. You never lose talent, the only thing you lose is your legs.

"Dave showed a better touch than anyone on the pitch, bringing the ball out of the sky and controlling it instantly.

"He did a lot of talking out there and didn't give possession away once."

Puckett linked up with the Millers initially to take the players through their pre-season paces.

And although his inclusion in the side at Christchurch was partly swayed by the Millers' crippling injury list, Hussey reckons the veteran frontman is good for a few more games yet.

"Dave will feature on and off throughout the season," he said.

"He's played for Matt (co-manager Matt Hussey) and I before at Lymington Town where he scored three goals in about five games.

"Dave will always put himself forward as a player."

Having suffered five straight league defeats and an early League Cup exit against Division One Petersfield, the Millers have had a dreadful start to the new campaign.

Injuries and unavailabilities have not helped their cause with the likes of Lee Thorne, Murray Holmes, Luke Ansell, skipper Mark Lloyd, John Brock, new signing Joey Herbert, Steve Marwood, Paul Liddon and Ben'yela Ngwa all missing games through injury, while Byron Gharibian and Shaun Hughes have missed out through work.

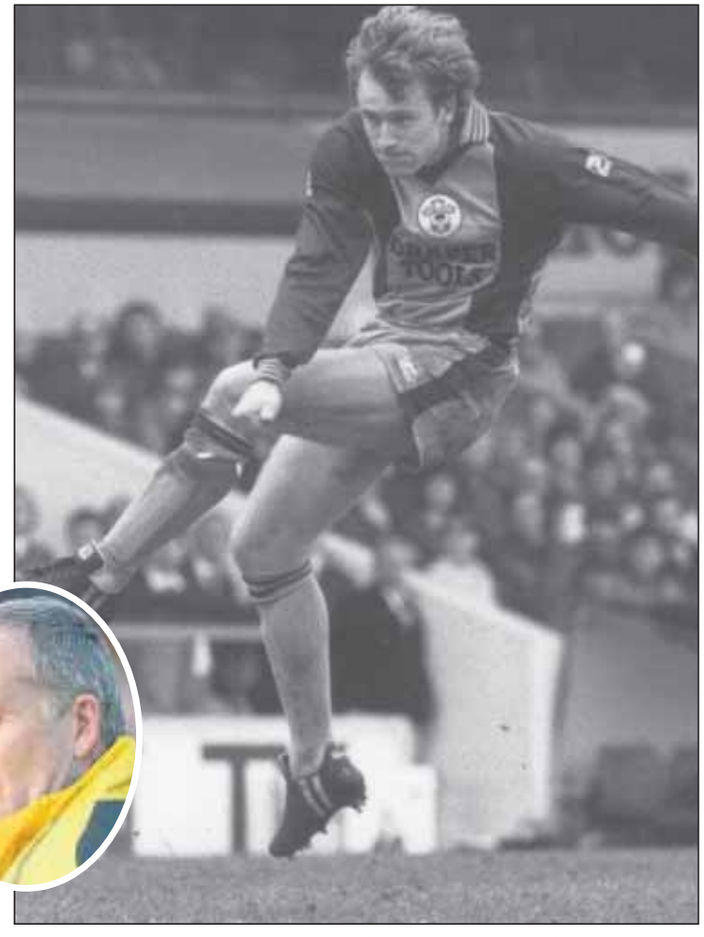
"I don't want to sound like I'm making excuses. We haven't been good enough and we've started the season poorly," said Hussey. "But in defence of the lads, we've yet to have a big enough squad to actually pick a team rather than the 11 naming themselves.

"But the fact remains that the players have got to stand up and be counted and do a bit more for the club.

"The only game we deserved anything out of was the Fareham game (a 1-0 home defeat) when we were unlucky not to get a point.

"A lot of teams in this league have moved forward and, at the moment, we've been left behind a bit.

"I think we've underestimated how strong the league has got this year."



STAYING POWER: Dave Puckett, inset left, and in his Saints heyday, main picture.

MORE NON-LEAGUE IN MONDAY'S DAILY ECHO

Non-league Football

RILEY CAN SEE THE LIGHT

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NON-LEAGUE REPORTER

AFC TOTTON boss Steve Riley had every reason to be brimming with pride following Monday's breakthrough victory over his old club Bashley.

After enduring a summer of turmoil at the Testwood Stadium, many managers would have been tempted to cut their losses and run.

But when interim chairman Andy Straker offered Riley the chance to stay on and guide an inexperienced young side through the rough, tough world of the Calor Southern Premier Division, it was a challenge the former Bashley boss found hard to resist.

There were bound to be early teething problems given the youthfulness of his squad and the young Stags duly conceded eight goals in their first two games against title favourites Stourbridge and Bideford.

But after going 3-0 down at Bedford last Saturday, Totton showed fantastic spirit and determination to pull it back to 3-2 and they carried those qualities into battle against Bashley on Monday and were rewarded with their first win.

With seven youth team graduates in their squad, the outlook initially looked bleak for Totton when wily former Football League campaigner Tim Sills headed Bash in front with just two minutes gone.

But what Riley described as an early "kick in the teeth" was quickly forgotten as two-goal Zac Mouland and fellow home-grown talent Luke Roberts turned the game 3-1 in Totton's favour.

"After all the knock-backs we've had, I'm proud to be in charge of a hard-working group of players with big hearts and we'll pick up points because of their attitude," said a genuinely chuffed Riley.

"They're listening and getting stronger each game and I'm actually surprised by how quickly they're growing each week. Now they've got to keep up that level of performance.

"We could easily have got a point at Bedford and I said to the lads that they had to take that performance into the Bashley game.

"We'd not been in front before and at half-time (against Bashley) I said I wanted to see the make-up of the side and whether they had what it takes to see the game out and get all three points – and they certainly did.

"Bashley have got some big units and were putting a lot of balls into the box, but our lads dealt with it.

"It was bitter-sweet to beat my old club, but sentiment goes out of the window when you're getting points on the board.

"Given the circumstances of what's happened at the club, a lot of people have asked me why I'm still here.

"The reason is that I'm a football man and I like a challenge and I couldn't be more proud of the lads right now."

Bashley's joint-boss Stewart Kearn could not deny that Totton deserved their victory.

"Derbies often come down to passion and desire and Totton probably showed more character and fight than we did," he said.

New into the AFC Totton camp is defender Joe Noakes, signed on an initial month's loan from Havant & Waterlooville.

RUN ON GOAL: AFC Totton's Zac Mouland powers towards the Bashley goal to make it 3-1 in Monday's derby game.

Boud so quick to impress

WAYNE BOUD

BLACKFIELD & Langley new boy Wayne Boud scored five minutes into his debut against Moneyfields on Monday, volleying home sweetly from a corner.

And although the ten-man Watersiders were pegged back by a Steve Hutchings leveller ten minutes into the second half, manager Glenn Burnett felt a 1-1 Sydenhams Premier draw was an heroic effort from a side decimated by injury, sickness and suspension.

"It was a great point for where we are at the moment," he said afterwards. "I've never seen an injury list like it in all my life. We're so stretched, it's untrue.

"We've lost Gibbo and Taz (Kev Gibbens and Adam Roberts), both to a broken foot, and TJ Cuthbertson's out for four weeks after injuring his knee against Sholing.

"We had no Scott Sampson or Alex Baldacchino either today, Michael Durdey was out suspended, Joe Byrne pulled a hamstring and Mike Byrne was throwing up at half-time and had to come off.

"Jack Smith pulled up in the warm-up and couldn't start, but we had no option but to put him on when Mike (Byrne) was taken ill."

Smith didn't finish the game either – sent off for what was deemed to be a dangerous aerial challenge.

"We've had five players sent off this season and I think only one's been a red card offence," said Burnett.

"Jack hasn't led with his arm or anything today and even their guys said they'd expect their players to go for the header the same as Jack did.

"Given all the disruption, it was an amazing point for us. I'm not going to say we were the better side – we weren't. If I'm honest, they were in total control of the second half, but we got men behind the ball and defended brilliantly. (Coach) John McFarlane talked them through the game for 45 minutes.

"For what we had on the pitch today, I'm really proud of them, and it was a great volley from Wayne Boud on his debut after signing from Fareham."

Blackfield, league champions last season, will have their work cut out to stay in touch with early pacesetters Winchester and Sholing this time round, but Burnett remains positive.

"We've had a tough start with a patched-up side playing the likes of Follands, Sholing and Moneyfields, but we've got to stick with it and hopefully we'll get lots of the injured lads back all in one lump," he said.

New in at Blackfield is 19-year-old AFC Bournemouth defender Ryan Case, who has dual-signed for the Watersiders.

Case, who hails from Basingstoke and signed professional terms for the Cherries in 2012, was previously on loan with Burnett and his right-hand man McFarlane at their old club New Milton Town.

Non-league News

Shots sign Maloney

SKRILL Conference Premier outfit Aldershot Town have signed 18-year-old attacker Jack Maloney on a month's youth loan from Portsmouth.

The Isle of Wight-born teenager, who has been at Fratton Park since the age of ten, can play either as a striker or winger.

Maloney made his Pompey debut in a League Cup tie against Plymouth Argyle in August last year and drew praise for his pace and skill in his first start against Tranmere Rovers in April. In total he made ten appearances for Pompey last season.

Maloney links up with Portsmouth teammate Adam Webster at the EBB Stadium.

Ex-Saint Matt Paterson and former Eastleigh striker Brett Williams, pictured above, found the net as Aldershot inflicted a 2-1 bank holiday Monday defeat on Woking.

A crowd of 3,138 turned out for the Skrill Conference Premier derby which took the Shots to within a win of clawing back the ten-point administration penalty imposed on them.

Paterson got victory under way in just 22 seconds and it was his cross that set up Williams to double the lead.

Buzz memorial match

THE annual memorial match for Marc 'Buzz' Burrows is being switched to a new venue this year.

After several successful seasons at Christchurch, another of Burrows' former clubs Cowes Sports are staging the game at their Westwood Park home on Sunday, September 15 (1.30pm).

Burrows, a popular player on both sides of The Solent, tragically died of cancer, aged just 30, in February 2009.

The ex-Portsmouth, Eastleigh, Brading and West Moors forward will be remembered with a match between IOW/Downside FC and Christchurch FC with all proceeds going to Cancer Research.

Entrance is £2, inclusive of a programme, and under-16s go free.

There will be food and a fully licensed bar, along with a raffle, bouncy castle and an afternoon of entertainment.

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Town end the hurt

AMESBURY Town's first win of the season was also their first away league success for nearly two years.

The Blues beat Hayling United 3-2, having last won on the road in September 2011 – and that in spite of only being able to name assistant manager Neil Sole and injured goalkeeper Danny Harrison on the bench.

Trailing to a tenth-minute Dan Sharpe goal, Amesbury hit back two minutes later when Sam Matthews netted his first goal for the club.

Craig Wheeler gave the Wiltshire outfit a 2-1 half-time lead which was extended on 71 minutes when Daryl Charman confidently finished from Tyler Brockway's quickly-taken free-kick.

Amesbury also had the last word with Carlos Downie slicing a Sharpe cross into his own net to bring it back to 3-2.

Midson joins Solent

LONG-STANDING Ringwood Town player Phil Midson has signed for Sydenhams One rivals Team Solent.

Midson spent four years at Ringwood, from 2009, and also registered for Verwood Town last season in the Sydenhams Premier Division.

Noice save, Lewis

EASTLEIGH reserves were made to work hard for a point in their opening Wyvern Combination League fixture at New Milton Town.

Trailing to a fine 56th-minute solo effort by Morgan Turner, the Spitfires replied three minutes later when ex-Portsmouth midfielder James Jennings collected the ball on the left flank and cut inside a defender before burying a low, right-foot drive.

It needed an excellent save from goalkeeper Lewis Noice and a goalline clearance by Ryan Fuller to preserve the point as New Milton piled on the late pressure through skipper Rob Teppett and Matt O'Dell, above.

ROSE TAKES ROOT AT EASTLEIGH

FOLLOWING the departure of Damian Scannell, Eastleigh have added Romone Rose to their Skrill Conference South squad.

Primarily a wide midfielder, Rose featured for the Spitfires in their early-season friendlies against Wycombe Wanderers, Wantage Town and Aldershot, ***writes WENDY GEE***.

Now, with Scannell's departure taking a load off the wage bill, manager Richard Hill is delighted to welcome the 23-year-old former Maidenhead United man to the Silverlake.

"Romone is a naturally gifted player who has a great work ethic and will bolster the squad significantly," said Hill.

Reading-born Rose began his career at QPR where he was a member of the under-18 team that won the 2007 Youth Alliance League title.

He made four first-team appearances for Rangers and went out on loan to AFC Wimbledon, Histon, Northampton Town, Cheltenham Town and Torquay United.

His debut for Northampton was a 2009 Carling Cup first round tie against Southampton at St Mary's which the Cobblers lost 2-0 to goals by Rickie Lambert and Adam Lallana.

Once released by QPR, the well-travelled Rose joined Muangthong United in Thailand before returning to the UK for spells with Newport County, Wealdstone, Hemel Hempstead and, latterly, Maidenhead.

Rose was named on the Eastleigh bench for Monday's Hampshire derby against Havant & Waterlooville and quickly showed what a valuable – and timely – signing he could turn out to be.

The Spitfires were dealt a major blow just before kick-off when imperious defender Dean Beckwith – recently described by Hill as "this club's best ever signing" – aggravated a groin injury that he had picked up in the 2-0 defeat at Basingstoke on Saturday and was forced to pull out.

That left ex-Christchurch defender Chris Dillon to continue central defensive duties – this time alongside the seemingly fit-again Chris Todd.

But Todd's first appearance of the season was cut short with 25 minutes to play when his hamstring problem came back to haunt him.

Hill had to shuffle his rearguard troops, bringing Rose on at right-back, switching Dan Spence to the left and moving Michael Green across to join his ex-Priory teammate Dillon in central defence.

Despite that disruption, Eastleigh held strong for a 0-0 draw with Rose blossoming in the right-back role with some superbly timed interceptions and tackles.

The game could have gone either way and Eastleigh almost nicked victory with six minutes to go when Ben Strevens rose to meet Spence's cross from the left and headed against the crossbar.

Substitute Craig McAllister went for the loose ball, but his follow-up effort was saved by Hawks' ex-Saints 'keeper Scott Bevan.

Reflecting on last weekend, Hill said: "If we'd taken our chances at Basingstoke, everyone would have said what a good performance it was.

"We never really got going against Havant on Monday but what frustrates me is that people seem to think Eastleigh should win their home games automatically.

"But that was the best Havant side I've seen in three or four seasons and these teams aren't just going to turn up and let you beat them.

"My lads have been great. Seven points from four games is a good, solid start."

EASTLEIGH EXIT: Damian Scannell, right.

Bristow sees the best and worst of Basingstoke

BASINGSTOKE Town boss Jason Bristow described last Saturday's 2-0 home win over Eastleigh as "as good a performance as a Basingstoke side has produced in recent years."

But after an excellent start to the Skrill Conference South season, Town turned in a below-par performance at Weston-super-Mare on Monday and were punished with a 1-0 defeat.

The only goal of a low-key contest came when the north Hampshire visitors switched off from a 76th-minute free kick.

Goalkeeper Louis Wells kept out Dayle Grubb's initial strike, but could only push the ball out to Naby Diallo who bundled it home from close range.

Basingstoke never reached anything like the heights they had against Eastleigh when goals by Jay Gasson and Neil Barrett had sent Richard Hill's title tips crashing to their first defeat of the season.

On Monday they appeared jaded, as if the effort expended in beating the Spitfires, a long coach journey and the August heat had taken their toll.

Bristow, pictured above, acknowledged: "We were not at the races from the word go really. We did not deserve

anything, but should have come away with a 0-0 draw.

"Our tempo was not high enough and we looked off the pace. We played too many straight balls and made the wrong decisions. We gave away too many free-kicks in dangerous areas and eventually they made us pay."

Against Eastleigh Stoke were clinical in attack, hard-working in midfield and strong at the back.

The Spitfires threatened in the early stages with Jai Reason feeling he should have been awarded a penalty and Stuart Fleetwood going close, but Town almost took the lead when Ross Adams' header from a corner was hacked off the line.

Wells was forced into his first save of the afternoon to deny Eastleigh skipper Glen Southam, while Robbie Rice was a touch fortunate not to be penalised for handball inside the area.

However, referee Ryan Atkin then turned down a penalty claim at the other end, awarding only a free-kick when Stoke were convinced Kezie Ibe had been tripped well inside the area.

Reason then had a couple more chances, blasting one effort wide and seeing Wells make a great save to keep out the second, which really should have found the net.

Rice was inches away from opening the scoring with a mis-hit cross that floated over Eastleigh goalkeeper Ross Flitney and hit the crossbar.

But the reprieve was short-lived for Eastleigh as Town seized the lead on 38 minutes when Gasson headed home at the far post from a corner.

Hill's visitors enjoyed a long spell of pressure at the start of the second half but were unable to make the most of it, though Reason really should have scored after jinking his way into the area only to curl the ball over.

Having weathered the storm, Town began to create more chances of their own. Eastleigh centre-back Dean Beckwith was fortunate not to receive a second yellow card after pulling Ibe back on the edge of the area, but the hosts sewed up all three points with seven minutes left.

It was a great move with the hosts moving the ball from one side of the penalty area to the other. Manny Williams, Simon Dunn and Ibe were all involved before ex-Spitfire Robbie Matthews' pass allowed Barrett to fire a low shot in off the inside of the post.

"We had a game plan, stuck to it and it worked," smiled Bristow. "We stayed compact and stopped Eastleigh getting the ball out to their wide players.

"We were very clinical and possibly edged a very good game of football.

"We were disciplined in our play, frustrated Eastleigh and grew stronger as the game went on. We let them have the ball in certain areas, but Louis Wells has not had much to do."

Eastleigh boss Richard Hill felt his side paid the price for missed chances.

"We have not lost in a good manner," he said.

"We had a good spell at the start of the second half, but you cannot win football matches if you do not take the chances you get."

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Non-league Football

QUICK RECOVERY: Broken wrist victim Lloyd Webber.

Webber boost for City

LLOYD Webber was a welcome addition to the Winchester City bench at Horndean on Monday.

The experienced midfielder/defender has made a quick recovery after breaking his wrist in two places in the opening game of the season against Moneyfields.

"Lloyd needed an operation and had a plate put into his wrist," explained City boss Graham Kemp. "He had his stitches out last week and wanted to be part of the squad at Horndean.

"It's a case now of playing when he can. If he falls on it again, he could do some damage, but he's made himself available again for selection.

"It's good to have Lloyd back. He's a bit of a character for us and we've missed him around the dressing room."

Winchester reclaimed pole position in the Sydenhams Premier Division by beating Horndean 3-1.

After wasting a stack of chances, City eventually took the lead when Ben Osborne netted from close range.

Liam Robinson made it 2-0 at half-time from Chris Flood's measured through ball and both Robinson and Osborne hit the woodwork in the same attack before Alex Miroy halved the deficit for the Deans by smashing home a 30-yard free kick.

But City quickly extinguished the home side's hopes when substitute Scott Sanderson coolly rounded the 'keeper and slotted the ball into an empty net.

"I'd like to have got a few more goals to settle us down a bit and there are little things to work on," said City's perfectionist boss Graham Kemp.

"It's hard to criticise our goals scored (20) and conceded (3) but, as manager, I always have to look to improve things. There will be no pats on the back just yet."

With Sholing held 2-2 at Bemerton Heath Harlequins on Tuesday, City were still sitting pretty in top spot going into today's FA Cup tie against Swindon Supermarine.

Horndean boss Dave Carter felt his side could have done better against the league leaders.

"We gave Winchester far too much respect in the first half," he said.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE MENTALITY SAVED US – DIAPER

LATE LEVELLER: Sholing's Mike Carter.

SYDENHAMS Premier title favourites Sholing have shown they are fallible after all.

Having reeled off five straight wins on their return to the Wessex ranks, Dave Diaper's men dropped their first points of the season in a 2-2 draw at Bemerton Heath Harlequins on Tuesday, blowing the chance to return to top spot.

But it could have been a whole lot worse for the Boatmen who, having dominated the opening stages, needed a last-gasp leveller to claim a share of the points, ***writes WENDY GEE***.

Sholing raced ahead inside two minutes with a 25-yard drive from Marvin McLean, who then clattered the crossbar midway through the first half.

But on a night when both goalkeepers were outstanding, Bemerton's Jack Eves brought a flying save out of Matt Brown before Chris Brewer – a recent signing from Wiltshire Leaguers Shrewton – brilliantly denied Lee Wort at the other end.

Bemerton levelled in the first minute of the second half when Eves laid the ball back for Joe Sanger to curl home.

The home side should have gone ahead, but Kane O'Keefe missed a free header and then Brown denied Eves on the hour.

A quick, entertaining contest could have swung either way with Sholing's Mike Carter forcing two saves in a minute out of Brewer before a cross from Bemerton's Ollie Roe struck the bar.

Harlequins looked to have won it on 80 minutes when Graham Mankin made it 2-1 with a 20-yarder that went in off the post.

But Sholing's never-say-die spirit was evident again in stoppage time when Carter ran into the area and took the ball round Brewer before slotting home.

"I knew it was always going to be difficult at Bemerton remembering our previous visits there," said Diaper. "They're a decent outfit and if they repeat that sort of performance throughout the season, they will finish top three or four.

"When Bemerton went 2-1 up I couldn't see us coming back, but one thing Southern League football taught us is that so many games are won and lost between the 90th and 94th minutes.

"We've brought that Southern League mentality down with us and played right to the end. Credit to my players for the character they showed, but you've also got to give Bemerton a lot of credit.

"They played some good football and were very competitive. They picked most of the second balls, particularly in the second half, and were unlucky not to win."

The Boatmen remain second, a point behind top dogs Winchester City with a game in hand.

Non-league News

Deans' blank holiday

EX-AFC Totton forward Ousmane Drame has signed for Sydenhams Premier Division outfit Horndean.

Drame, who had a spell with the Stags in 2007, also lists Lymington Town, Blackfield & Langley and Moneyfields among his former clubs.

Horndean boss Dave Carter was brief in his summary of last Saturday's 1-0 defeat at Verwood, saying: "The pitch was dreadful, the referee was dreadful and we were dreadful" after Mike Haskell's second-half strike had settled the issue for the Potters.

The Deans' point-less bank holiday weekend continued on Monday as they were put to the sword 3-1 by title contenders Winchester City at Five Heads Park.

Verwood also suffered defeat on Monday, losing to a single Jamie Barron, pictured above, goal at Folland Sports.

Os wants to boss it

MIKE Osman, 22, is looking to get a break into management.

Osman now has his FA Level 2 qualification and is about to start his UEFA B Licence.

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Eastleigh ticket deal

EASTLEIGH will join forces with supporters of the 2013 'Non-League Day' on Saturday, September 7 when they entertain Bromley in the Skrill Conference South.

With the Premier League programme blank due to England playing a World Cup qualifier against Moldova the previous evening, fans are being urged to get out and watch a non-League game.

In an attempt to attract more followers, adult admission at the Silverlake will be reduced from £12 to £5, with concessions £3 and under-7s free.

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Sholing influx continues at Bypass Ground

ROMSEY Town's pool of ex-Sholing players is growing.

New in at the Bypass Ground is winger Jamie Craven – another capture from Sholing's highly successful youth/reserve team set-up.

He will be among friends in Danny Barker's new-look Town squad with the likes of Ryan Lambert, Jack McCarthy and Elliot Richards among Romsey's growing collection of ex-Boatmen.

"Jamie's another exciting young player to join us," said Barker.

"They've all been in and around Dave Diaper's squad at Sholing, but the selling point for Romsey is that we can offer them first-team football.

"Jamie featured in both our bank holiday games against Hamworthy and Fareham."

It was a chalk 'n' cheese weekend for the Bypass Boys.

After being thrashed 5-1 at home by Hamworthy (Sam Lanahan, Lee Chudy 2, Dom Allen 2) on Saturday – substitute John Roberts scoring Town's consolation - they managed to get their first Sydenhams Premier point on the board with a 2-2 draw at unbeaten Fareham on Monday.

Having fallen behind to a Graham Lindsey header inside two minutes at a sun-drenched Cams Alders, Romsey instantly responded through Danny Phillips.

They trailed again when Bryn McKie's fine cross was headed home by Louie Martin for Fareham, but ex-Eastleigh man Geoff Dunn conjured up the equaliser early in the second half, striking low from the edge of the box.

"I was pleased to get a draw on a hot day against a very strong, powerful Fareham side and hopefully we can build on that," said Barker.

"I'm quite positive for this season – despite the tough start.

"It was a bad performance against Hamworthy on Saturday, but we were short of a few key players and it showed.

"Sol Asajile has missed a couple of games with a hamstring problem, Jordan Sako's been out with a head injury and, against Hamworthy, we were missing our two first-choice centre-backs Conor McCarthy and Craig Bryant.

"It was a bad day for us, mainly due to lack of bodies, but we responded well with a great draw at Fareham and, on another day, we could have won.

"It will certainly give us a boost for the home game against Bemerton (today)."

Fareham's Matt Parr was nowhere near as upbeat as Barker following Monday's 2-2 draw – in fact it's fair to say he was livid.

"That just wasn't good enough," the Cams Alders boss fumed.

"There were players in the team who didn't do the job I asked of them and went through the game in cruise control.

"That is totally unacceptable.

"If they intend to take their mind off the task in hand when they see their opponents are struggling, then as well as replacing the now departed Wayne Boud (Blackfield & Langley), I will look to replace them too," he warned.

RED ALERT

Warning for Hutchings after keeper's bizarre sending off

MANAGER Tom Killick urged Nick Hutchings to learn his lesson after the goalkeeper had been bizarrely sent off in Monday's dramatic Southern Premier derby with Weymouth.

The Dolphins boss had no defence for his long-serving stopper after the Poole No1 had been dismissed for clipping referee Mark Derrien round the back of the head following his 65th-minute booking for time-wasting, ***writes Andy Mitchell***.

The red card stunned everyone in the bumper 1,053 Tatnam crowd, but nobody was more surprised than Killick who saw his team, already shorn of sent off midfielder Steve Devlin, reduced to nine men before going on to claim a 2-2 draw.

Although Poole's manager had hoped Derrien would allow Hutchings', pictured, petulant tap to slide, he refused to criticise the ref's decision.

"Perhaps some referees would have let it go. I think I saw a Premier League official squirted with a water bottle the other week without the ref making a lot of it.

"But Nick immediately realised the consequences of his actions," he said.

"He could have prevented us getting anything from the game and, when you look round at your teammates in the dressing room, that is often the biggest punishment for a player.

"I would hope the biggest lesson for Nick is that his teammates were denied victory by what happened.

"It is black and white for a goalkeeper really. Nick will be banned and Dan Thomas will have an opportunity to stake his claim and that could be the biggest consequence.

"But I must say it was completely out of character. Nick has never had any disciplinary issues during his time at the club and that has to count for something.

"I am sure no one was more disappointed by what happened than he was."

Having fallen behind to Stewart Yetton's fortuitous strike on the stroke of half-time, Poole had Devlin dismissed five minutes after the restart.

But the introduction of former AFC Totton, Eastleigh and Bashley hitman Richard Gillespie turned the game on its head as he hit back with goals in the 60th and 63rd minutes.

Following Hutchings' dismissal, ex-Dolphins man Luke Burbidge came back to haunt the hosts with a swirling drive past sub 'keeper Thomas 12 minutes from time.

And there was more controversy in the closing stages when Thomas clattered Terras' player-manager Matt Groves in the penalty area before the visitors claimed Poole defender Sam Clarke had handled a goal-bound effort on the line.

Weymouth boss Brendon King later criticised referee Derrien for not pointing to the spot, but admitted he was relieved to escape with a point – sentiments echoed by Killick following the feisty finish to his 500th match in charge of Poole.

"They (Weymouth) certainly appeared to have at least one very good penalty turned down, so I wouldn't go raging about the officials. I was more disappointed with our performance," he said.

"We needed to play a lot better than that, particularly in the first half when we had 11 men. I thought the occasion got the better of us a little bit."

However, the Dolphins' boss was irked over Will Spetch's disallowed goal in the first half – one of three strikes Poole had chalked off. "We were adamant that goal should have stood," added Killick.

The draw kept the Dorset neighbours level pegging at the top of the table with ten points apiece.

EVENTFUL DAY: Poole boss Tommy Killick.

Walker leads tributes as Killick joins 500 club

MONDAY'S incident-packed 2-2 draw with Weymouth was Tom Killick's 500th game in charge of Poole Town.

Ahead of the landmark game, Killick was praised by his former skipper Michael Walker, who switched camps to the Terras during the summer after captaining the Dolphins to the Southern One South & West title.

Under Killick's inspired leadership, Poole have climbed from the old Sydenhams Wessex League Division Two to the Southern Premier Division in the space of nine magical years and Walker clearly rates him as a manager, ***writes WENDY GEE***.

"Even now, he is still the gaffer in my eyes," he said.

"He has a good way of managing players and knows when to switch from being your friend to being in charge and getting the best out of you.

"Tommy is just a really decent bloke.

"He has had his ups and downs (at Poole), but he knows as much about the club as anyone, has built great relationships with the good people running the club and has a good team.

"What he has done for the club is nothing short of phenomenal and every team he has assembled has been strong."

After being appointed manager in 2004, Killick – a 1992 FA Vase winner with Wimborne Town – led the Dolphins to promotion in his first season and went on to secure three Wessex Premier titles.

Poole suffered Southern One South & West play-off heartache against Gosport Borough in 2011/12, but made ample amends last season when they were promoted as champions and lifted the Dorset Senior Cup into the bargain.

Killick, who has led Poole to 346 victories in his 500 matches in charge, admitted: "I love being around the people at Poole and it has been a very enjoyable part of my life for nine years.

"I feel very proud of what we have achieved together."

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Non-league Football

BATMAN TO THE RESCUE

IMPACT: Jamie Musselwhite, left.

JAMIE Musselwhite may not be fully fit, but already the player formerly known as 'Batman' has summoned up the strength to transform AFC Portchester's season.

Since the arrival of the former Follands Sports, Sholing and Winchester City targetman, the Wicor Rec club have put a stuttering start behind them, moved up through the gears and reeled off three straight league wins.

Having scored a brace in the 6-1 hammering of Totton & Eling at Millers Park, Musselwhite – part of the free-scoring 'Batman and Robin' duo with Ashley Jarvis at Hamble – helped himself to another last Saturday as Portchester saw off Fawley AFC 4-2 at home.

He was absent from the scoresheet at Brockenhurst on bank holiday Monday but worried the Badgers to such a degree that he earned the two late penalties – both tucked away by substitute Kev Pottage – that sealed a 3-1 victory.

"Jamie's nowhere near as fit as he'd like to be, but he's given us a physical presence up front," said Portchester's director of football Mick Jenkins.

"He's a proper, old-fashioned centre forward and we've never really had a targetman of his ilk before who occupies one or two defenders at a time.

"We'd used Nathan Kirby up there for the first few games and Nathan's got four goals already. But his preferred position is as an attacking midfielder, whereas Jamie is used to the targetman's role and you can see his physical presence in both boxes.

"There are not too many players of Jamie's type around these days who are big and strong and get you 20 goals. I spoke to James Taylor during the summer, but he'd made up his mind to go to Sholing."

Hand on heart though, Jenkins admits he was "sceptical" about signing Musselwhite given that he hadn't played since drifting away from Sholing towards the end of last season.

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"Personally I'm always sceptical about signing someone who's been out of football for a time and has no training under his belt. I'd want to see the fitness level and the attitude first," he said.

"But Jamie's come in and done well. By his own admission he didn't have much of a pre-season and he's been out of football for six months.

"But if we keep him out there game after game, he'll get fitter as the season goes on.

"He's 29 now and a wily, old campaigner.

"The centre-half was climbing all over him for the first penalty at Brockenhurst and then he was pulled down for the second one. I felt they were both definite pens."

Jenkins, though, wasn't convinced by another spot kick awarded earlier in the game which also went Portchester's way.

Simon Woods was the man supposedly fouled, but Jenkins felt there was "minimal contact" and justice done when Brock keeper Scott O'Rourke denied Josh Holmes from 12 yards.

That miss apart, it was a productive weekend for home-grown talent Holmes who had scored twice as a sub against Fawley – one from the spot and the other a stunning lob - and also wiped out Scott Joyce's opening effort at Brock with an unerring strike from distance following strong hold-up play by Musselwhite.

Portchester had led 2-0 against Fawley through Kirby and Musselwhite but a red card for Josh Maddison handed the Oilers a lifeline and they hit back through Matt Vining (penalty) and Ben Murphy. It was left to two-goal Holmes to spare home blushes in what head coach Graham Rix branded a "rubbish performance."

"Josh came on and won the game for us last Saturday and earned his start against Brockenhurst," said Jenkins.

"He's a player that's come through the Portchester youth system along with Garry Moody and Simon Woods.

"He hit his penalty against Brock well enough, but it was pretty much central and at a good height for the keeper, but he'd scored a good goal just prior to that.

"We had no Louie Castles, Nathan Kirby, Jack Salter-Vaile, Lewis Stockford or Craig Hardy, but Kev Pottage came in and slotted home the two late penalties that won us the game. It was a dogged performance, if unspectacular."

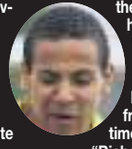
The one surprise about Portchester's season so far is that Woods – scorer of 23 Wessex goals last term – has yet to net in the league.

That, though, does not unduly worry Jenkins, who said: "The club's been so reliant on Simon over the years and it's nice to see the goals being shared around now. Josh Holmes, Nathan Kirby, Jamie Musselwhite and Lewis Stockford already have three or four each."

Musselwhite blow tempered by Mason arrival

FOLLAND Sports boss Danny Bowers could be forgiven for feeling a little wistful when hearing about Jamie Musselwhite's scoring exploits at AFC Portchester.

But although the Planemakers chief would love to have brought the towering targetman back to Folland Park following his brief spell with Sholing last season, he is more than happy with the impact young Daniel Mason, pictured, is having on his side.



Mason – younger brother of Sholing's powerhouse duo Barry and Byron – is settling in nicely following his summer move from the Boatmen.

"I'd love to have Jamie Musselwhite back but, by the same token, young Daniel's been outstanding for us," said Bowers.

"Where Daniel's been sitting on the bench for Sholing, he says he's never played so much football as he has here. But he's in the gym with his brothers all the time and, for a young lad, he's so strong it's unreal.

"He's a proper unit and he's got a lot of the same strengths as Jamie. If the ball lands on his chest, it doesn't move, it sticks to him like glue."

Mason is so popular at Follands that he's already got himself his own little fan club.

"We've got a group of ten or 15 kids that come along and watch and they were all chanting 'Daniel, Daniel, give us a wave' when he scored the winner recently and they lined up to clap his hand when he came off," smiled Bowers.

"Daniel loves it!"

Mason's contribution will be all the more valuable now that Follands have lost experienced frontman Richard Gregory for the time being.

"Richard's missed the last couple of games and we don't expect him to play again for a least another two months," Bowers explained.

"He's a plasterer and he's working away from home.

"It's a shame because he's our longest-serving player and losing him makes it all the more important that we get Mike Turvey fit. Mike signed for us in the summer from Hayling United, but he's been out with a hip injury."

After what Bowers branded a "very poor performance" in last Saturday's 2-2 draw at Whitchurch, the Planemakers just about edged past Verwood Town 1-0 at Folland Park on Monday.

They had plenty of chances, hitting the woodwork three times through Mason (twice) and Matt Burt, but it wasn't until around the 70th-minute that Jamie Barron made the breakthrough with a 20-yard free kick.

"It was one of those games when we had 95 per cent of the ball and dominated, but it looked as though we were never going to score," said Bowers.

"Verwood never gave up, but they created very little and our 'keeper Ryan Gosney's not had one save to make over 90 minutes. But there was always the danger that they could have one chance and score.

"We just about did enough to win it.

"We're unbeaten at home, but we're not that good on the road at the moment. But we're a brand new team and it's going to take time."

Starting points for Gosport

GOSPORT Borough are up and running in the Skrill Conference South.

After drawing a blank in their opening two fixtures against Dover Athletic and Basingstoke Town, Alex Pike's divisional new boys have come good with two 1-1 draws.

They produced a solid defensive display to prise a point from Bath City at Mayday Trust Park on Saturday – ex-Eastleigh midfielder Jamie Brown taking his tally to two in two games moments after Dave Pratt had given the Romans the lead on the brink of half-time.

Borough's resolve was tested when Sam Pearce collected a second booking in the 88th minute, but the ten men safely saw the game out thanks to an acrobatic, late save from Nathan Ashmore who tipped Pratt's fierce effort around the post.

Monday's visit of south coast rivals Dorchester also ended in a 1-1 stalemate although, arguably, Gosport were deserving of all three points.

Their finishing let them down, however, and they led by just a 22nd-minute Dan Wooden strike at half-time.

Andy Forbes, pictured left, hit the bar with a header and Wooden should have doubled his tally in the 49th minute but, having raced clear again, he looped his effort over.

With 15 minutes remaining Borough seemed to be distracted when Luke King was stretchered off injured.

They fatally switched off from a free kick, allowing Steve Walker to head Dorchester level and claim their first point of the season.

Both sides could have won it in the dying seconds with ex-Saint Jamie Gleeson volleying over for Dorch before Rory Williams raced the length of the field for Borough before releasing Mike Gosney who was denied by goalkeeper Alan Walker-Harris's smart save.

Dorchester boss Simkin was a relieved man afterwards, given the Magpies' woeful 6-2 capitulation at home to Whitehawk last Saturday.

"I'm pleased for Steve Walker," he said. "He took some flak on Saturday and he came out and showed what a good defender he is.

"It wasn't easy picking the lads up, but we changed our shape and everybody did their jobs.

"The game at Gosport will give us confidence – not just the draw, but the way we played.

"You won't see many better performances away from home than that."

Gosport's assistant manager Mick Catlin felt it was two points dropped for Borough, however.

"I'm clear in my thoughts that we should have been sitting on our first win at this level," he said.

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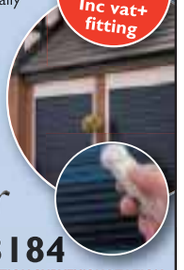

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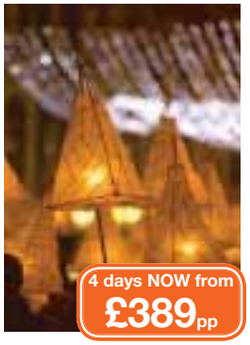

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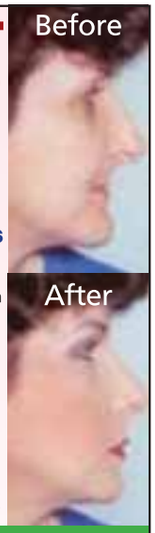

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BIG HITTING: Australia's Aaron Finch lit up the Ageas Bowl on Thursday night as he hit a world record t20 score of 156 in his side's defeat of England. Left: Fans at the Ageas Bowl show their appreciation.
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Hampshire Cricket Spotlight

Record breaker

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CRICKET REPORTER

AARON Finch rewrote the record books with his blistering hundred in Australia's T20 international win against England at The Ageas Bowl.

Michael Carberry's omission was soon forgotten as Finch smashed 156 from just 63 balls, including 11 fours and no fewer than 14 sixes.

He pulled his first ball for six against Finn and then accelerated, reaching his first fifty from 26 balls, his second from 21 and his third from just 13!

Finch is the first person to score 150 in a T20 international, Brendon McCullum's 123 for New Zealand against Bangladesh was the previous best .

SPECIAL

"It was special striking from Finch," said England captain Stuart Broad.

"I think we can say we tried everything at him, he just played everything fantastically well. In Twenty20 cricket that can happen. He made it his day in quite spectacular fashion.

"Sometimes you just have to say that was a very special innings."

Finch became Australia's first Twenty20 centurion and the second-quickest in the world to three figures (Richard Levi's 45-ball blitz for South Africa against New Zealand last year remains the fastest).

It helped Australia to 248 for six – the second-highest international T20 score (after Sri Lanka's 260 against Kenya in Johannesburg six years ago).

"It was just one of those days where things hit the middle of the bat and things went my way," said Finch,

"It was a beautiful wicket and the outfield was lightning so all you had to do was hit the gap early and you got maximum value.

"It was a beautiful place to bat."

Finch's knock came in the Ageas Bowl's first international since New Zealand's 359-3, the highest ODI total England have conceded on home soil, at the beginning of June.

As Michael Vaughan tweeted: "Best One day pitch in the Country and the best atmosphere is at the Rose Bowl... Great venue for Day/Night cricket."

ENJOYING THE SHOW: England fans at the Ageas Bowl.

ACTION: Hampshire's Danny Briggs in action for England.

STAR OF THE FUTURE: Hampshire Academy youngster Brad Taylor claimed his first LV County Championship wickets this week. Pic by Simon Pendrigh.

Young star Taylor shows he can mix it with the big boys

SIXTEEN-YEAR old Hampshire Academy prospect Brad Taylor celebrated his first wickets in LV County Championship cricket this week as Hampshire slithered towards defeat against Lancashire at Southport, *writes MIKE VIMPANY*.

Taylor, who took two Lancashire wickets on his YB40 debut in front of the Sky Sports cameras several weeks ago, returned 4-64 in 14 overs as the Red Rose County, having piled up a towering 421 in the first innings scored another 284-5 after dismissing Hampshire for 210.

Hampshire, 137-7 at the end of yesterday's third day, were eventually bowled out for 373.

Taylor captured the wickets of Paul Horton (111), Luis Reece (76), Andre Agathangelou (28) and the prize scale of South African Test batsman Ashwell Prince, caught and bowled for 38.

Prince was Taylor's second Test scalp, the Holybourne teenager having dismissed Simon Katich, the former Australia left-hander, in his Ageas Bowl YB40 debut.

Taylor, who has played in Hampshire's junior age group teams for several years, is due to return to his studies at Eggar's School, Alton, next week.

His father Paul is captain of Holybourne, who are facing relegation from Hampshire League, County 3 South.

PRIZE SCALP: Taylor picked up the wicket of South African Test star Ashwell Prince as part of his four-wicket haul.

SEE MONDAY'S ECHO FOR MORE CRICKET NEWS

Local Cricket Spotlight

Overseas players barred from gong race

OVERSEAS cricketers will not be eligible to receive any of this season's individual performance awards, the Southern Electric Premier League has decided.

Instead, all 12 batting, bowling and wicket-keeping prizes in the four divisions will go to 'local' players.

It means neither Cape Town all-rounder Geoff Dods, pictured below, who has spearheaded the Burridge pace attack with 39 wickets, nor Aussie pair Dan Payne (Sparsholt) or Hursley Park's Jamie Eccles, who are contesting the Division 2 batting prize, will have an SPL trophy in their suitcase when they board their return flights shortly.

Leading individual performances (* denotes overseas player) –

PREMIER DIVISION
Batting: * Travis Head (Ventnor) 733, Robert Gibson (Havant) 689, Oli Mills (Ventnor) 652, Richard Morris (Bashley Rydal) 612, James Hayward (South Wilts) 603, * Alex Keath (Bournemouth) 601, * Scott Henry (Lymington) 590, * Bill Walsh (St Cross Symondians) 587, Peter Hopson (Havant) 554, Lewis McManus (Academy) 549.
Bowling: Matt Metcalfe (Lymington) 32, * Alex Keath (Bournemouth) 31, Jordan Finney (St Cross Symondians) 30, Darron Augustus (Totton & Eling) 26, Richard Logan (St Cross Symondians) 26, Julian Ballinger (Alton) 25, James Hibberd (South Wilts) 25, Rob Franklin (South Wilts) 25, Darren Cowley (Lymington) 25.
Wicketkeeping: Tom Morton (South Wilts) 24, Lewis McManus (Academy) 24, Tom Arnold (Totton & Eling) 22, Ed Ellis (Lymington) 20.

DIVISION 1
Batting: Azzi Chowdhury (Burridge) 642, Derek Kenway (Burridge) 638, * Greg Dawson (Andover) 605, Scott Baldwin (Hartley Wintney) 583, Jamie Richards (Liphook) 560, Ben Thane (Hook & NB) 546, James Park (New Milton) 525, Nick Park (New Milton) 503.
Bowling: * Geoff Dods (Burridge) 39, * Roscoe Thattil (Hambledon) 27, Jamie Richards (Liphook) 26, George Watts (New Milton) 25, James Ingram (Sarisbury Athletic) 25, * Matt Willett (Rowledge) 25, Ryan Covey (Liphook) 24, Glenn Williams (Hook & NB) 23.
Wicketkeeping: Tom Prodomo (New Milton) 28, Jamie Rood (Burridge) 26, Ian Metcalfe (Rowledge) 21.

DIVISION 2
Batting: * Dan Payne (Sparsholt) 715, * Jamie Eccles (Hursley Park) 686, Dan Coombs (Basingstoke) 632, Stewart Magee (Paultons) 556, Graham Noble (Langley Manor) 522, Raman Prendergast (Hursley Park) 486, Azeem Hamid (Totton & Eling II) 484, * Caleb Brookland (Langley Manor) 481.
Bowling: Matt Oliver (Hursley Park) 34, Matt Thankachan (Basingstoke) 30, Andrew Denney (Paultons) 29, Dave Pristorius (Basingstoke) 29, * Elijah Turriff-Smith (Calmore Sports) 28.
Wicketkeeping: Lee Carroll (US) 24, Lawrence Benge (Basingstoke) 22, Matt Branford (Hursley Park) 19.

DIVISION 3
Batting: Andy Galliers (Havant II) 520, Matt Benfield (P & S) 507, Ed Boyd (Trojans) 500, Robert Jones (Portsmouth) 462, Tom Hockenhall (Fair Oak) 453.
Bowling: Vikram Dawson (Portsmouth) 38, Phil Loat (Havant II) 35, Paul Draper (South Wilts II) 35, Andy Mash (Fair Oak) 33, * Liam Duffield (Portsmouth) 33, Steve Mitchell (Portsmouth) 30.
Wicketkeeping: Alex Hammond (Portsmouth) 20, Sam Pittman (South Wilts II) 19, Chris Gates (Bashley Rydal II) 15.

MILLER: WE'VE ALL GIVEN 100 PER CENT IN SAFETY BATTLE

BOURNEMOUTH'S four-decade long stay in the top flight of local Premier League cricket will have ended today if they failed to beat Bashley (Rydal) and St Cross Symondians collected five safety points from Alton's visit to the Green Jackets Ground.

The departure of 11 first team players over the winter from a side that finished bottom of the Premier Division 12 months earlier meant that the 2013 season was always going to be difficult, ***writes MIKE VIMPANY***.

"Our objective was therefore simple – recruit a high quality overseas all rounder (which came by chance via Ageas Bowl International Academy [ABIA]) and use the season to blood as many young players as possible alongside experienced players such as myself, Tom Wainwright and Alex Allum," explained skipper Martin Miller, who returned from the club after two seasons with Poole Town.

"The fact that we went into the final match of the season with a chance of survival is testament to the way that the lads have battled against the odds this season.

"And had Lady Luck been on our side a bit more with injury and unavailability, we could so easily have been mathematically safe by the time stumps are drawn tonight.

"The weather prevented us securing 18 points against the Hampshire Academy and having a crack against a depleted St Cross Symondians attack two weeks ago – and had we played marginally better cricket, we should have done better against Ventnor the week after the Academy game."

BOURNEMOUTH: Standing (from left): Dom Hand, Curtis Watton, Ben Rogers, Alex Keath, Tom Wainwright, Shambeel Choudry, Jake Hurley. Seated: George Russell, Martin Miller, Alex Allum, Pete Smith.

Miller praised Victoria all-rounder Alex Keath, who joined the Chapel gate set from the ABIA.

"Alex was an inspiration to all of us. Intelligent, highly talented and supremely fit, he helped get significantly more out of our inexperienced batsmen, bowlers and fielders at Premier League level simply by showing them what could be achieved with hard work and practice," Miller said.

"He scored three fabulous tons, but didn't pass 50 on any other occasion, which gave plenty of opportunity for the others to play their part, which they did."

Miller praised his Bournemouth side for their efforts throughout the summer.

"All of the lads gave 100 per cent throughout the season and alongside our three victories, draws in the longer format of the game against South Wilts and Bashley were hard fought and deserved, albeit they yielded too few points to enable us to advance up the table."

TROJANS: Finally secured Southern Electric Premier League, Division 3 safety by beating Portsmouth & Southsea by five wickets, but they will have a new captain next season as batsman/wicketkeeper Nigel le Bas is standing down. Back row (from left): Anish Joshi, Faisal Rahim Ben Saxon, Ed Boyd, Mark Oakden, Syed Mahmood. Front: Drew Robinson, Simon Williams, Nigel Le Bas, Mario Mohammed, Chris Blake.

Morris and his men lead Shropshire a merry dance

A SUPERB century by Bashley (Rydal) skipper Richard Morris carried Berkshire to a thumping 128-run victory over Shropshire in the Minor Counties Trophy final at Wormsley.

Morris, pictured (courtesy of Angela Davison), was named man of the match after his ton swept Berkshire to a thumping 128-run victory over Shropshire in the Minor Counties Trophy final at Wormsley in midweek.

Morris hit three sixes and 12 fours in a splendid innings of 112 which underpinned Berkshire's imposing 284-9 off 50 overs. Shropshire were dismissed for 156.

Richard Logan, the St Cross Symondians captain, was also in the triumphant Berkshire side, while former Hampshire pace bowler Steve Malone, now officiating in Yorkshire, was one of the umpires.

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VICTORIOUS OLD TAUNTONIANS & ROMSEY: Back row (from left): Ben Whitlock, Alex Bampton, Joe Welch, Charlie Cook, Cam Melling. Front: Harry Tulk, Elliot Mitchell-Lee, Matt Bampton, Pete Newman, Katie George, Tom George.

Whitlock seals win

OTS & Romsey scampered two byes off the penultimate ball to snatch a dramatic four-wicket win over Yateley in the HCB Harry Kerry Under-17 Cup final on the Ageas Bowl Nursery Ground.

Cup holders Yateley posted a tidy 140-5 with openers Liam Roper (44) and Tom Nicholls (37) top scoring.

Pete Newman's 68 underpinned the OTs run chase, which stuttered as wickets fell.

Harry Tulk (14) and Charlie Cooke (11) made handy contributions, but it was a triple boundary blast by Ben Whitlock (18) which took OTs to within two runs of victory with two balls left.

Whitlock missed that crucial fifth ball of the final over – but so too did the Yateley wicketkeeper and OTs, at 141-6, grabbed victory.

ALL OR NOTHING IN CD1 DROP FIGHT

THE battle for Hampshire League County Division 1 survival was set to come to a tense and potentially thrilling climax today.

Midhurst are already down, but Easton & Martyr Worthy, Old Basing, Fareham & Crofton and Rowledge II were all sweating on each other's results, ***writes MIKE VIMPANY***.

Easton, in relegation trouble all season, went to fifth-from-bottom Rowledge II, while Fareham took a one-point advantage over Old Basing into their final game.

Without a win in five outings, Fareham hosted Lymington's inconsistent second team, while Old Basing took on a Gosport Borough side bubbling after six straight wins.

Midhurst's return ticket to CD2 was confirmed with a thumping nine-wicket defeat by Portchester, who chased down 187 courtesy of an unbeaten 103 by Melbournian Andrew Webb (103) and leading run maker Richard Locke, who made 57.

It's been hard graft all season for Midhurst, who have won only once since the opening fortnight victories over Ryde and St Cross Symondians III.

Easton had to win at Rowledge today and hope the other results went their way.

Mark Padwick (59) and John Sparkes (35) gave EMW a healthy start against Alton, but the innings fell away against the left-arm spin of Patrick Sampson (5-48).

Targeting 204, Alton lost their openers cheaply, but were steered to the brink of victory by the Heffernan brothers, Mark (90) and Michael (55).

Old Basing's penultimate game with Hook & Newnham Basics II was washed out – a soggy situation they least needed with the threat of relegation looming.

Fareham & Crofton's 50-run defeat by Waterlooville was fairly predictable, but at least the Bath Laners picked up eight valuable bonus points.

They began well, getting master blaster Byron Haycock cheaply.

MILESTONE: Felix Organ hit a maiden half century for St Cross Symondians III.

HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE COUNTY DIVISION 1

	P	W	T	L	Bt	Bl	Ttl	Ave
Waterlooville	13	13	0	0	80	63	299	23
Ellingham	13	12	0	1	82	54	280	21.54
Alton II	11	9	0	2	63	53	224	20.36
Ryde	15	9	0	6	80	57	245	16.33
Ventnor II	12	7	0	5	62	50	196	16.33
Gosport Borough *	13	8	0	5	64	59	209	16.08
Portchester	14	8	0	6	66	56	218	15.57
Locks Heath *	13	6	0	7	70	44	176	13.54
St Cross Syms III	15	6	0	9	77	54	203	13.53
Hook & N Basics II	14	6	1	7	57	53	188	13.43
Lymington II	13	5	0	8	54	55	169	13
Purbrook	14	6	0	8	66	39	177	12.64
Shrewton	13	5	0	8	53	51	164	12.62
Rowledge II	13	4	1	8	56	41	151	11.62
Fareham & Crofton	15	4	0	11	67	54	169	11.27
Old Basing *	12	4	0	8	57	39	134	11.17
Easton & Martyr W *	13	4	0	9	53	44	135	10.38
Midhurst	14	3	0	11	65	39	140	10

* points deducted

They had the Ville wobbling at 16-3 before Alex Shephard (95) and Max Goddard (60) pointed the champions-elect to 248-8.

Fareham got within two runs off a ninth precious bonus point when teenager Angus Southon's 47 not out helped them reach 198-8 in reply.

Ben Kissane's young side took a lot of heart from their performance against the would-be champs and spent virtually every night this week practising for today's match against Lymington II which will shape their future.

If Fareham go down, it may take a while for them to get back.

In contrast, the win took Waterlooville to within touching distance of the title; indeed four points from today's visit to Locks Heath will do it.

Ellingham are assured of the runners-up spot – a 12th win in 13 coming courtesy of a seven-wicket victory over Rowledge.

The Picket Post side were on top once they parted Rowledge openers Steve Martin (55) and Casper Hughes (40).

A five-wicket spell from Brett Spicer (5-34) left Rowledge to defend a modest 176-9.

It didn't happen and once Jamie McPherson (31) and Matt Vail (28) were able to get the Ellingham reply under way, a home win was always the likelihood.

Mark Burrett (39) and Aaron Barker (29) completed the formalities.

Island pair Ryde and Ventnor II were level pegging on a 16.33 points per match average going into today's final round of games.

Ryde's 24-run win over Shrewton ebbed and flowed after both sides suffered top order collapses at Hardings Suite.

Marcus Jenkins (4-43) and Jamie Mitchell (4-55) had Ryde rocking at 107-7 before Ben Gregory (29) and young Stuart Robertson (36 not out) lifted them to 228 all out.

The youngsters then took up the challenge with the ball – Gregory (3-28) and Robertson (3-41) driving significant inroads into Shrewton's top order and having the visitors 100-5.

But Shrewton's lower order fought back with Chris Brewer (40) and man-of-the-match Jenkins (51) giving Ryde a far closer game than they might have anticipated. Shrewton made 204.

Hugh Calloway, with 88 and a 5-52 return, was the star of Ventnor's sizeable 132-run victory over depleted Locks Heath at Steephill.

Mark Fletcher (65) and George Hatt (61) also hit half-centuries in Ventnor's 320-5 (Billy Clarke 48).

With Liam Moggridge getting married, Locks Heath sent a weak side to Steephill, but it at least gave the promising Danny Williamson (53) the chance to shine.

New Zealander Andrew Tiddy hit 47 and later took 4-24 as Gosport Borough eased to a 42-run win over Lymington II.

Simon Creal (72) and Craig Stares (41) helped Gosport to 245-7.

Damian Edwards (69) responded but Lymington fell short at 203 all out.

Purbrook's astonishing climb from the CD1 basement continued at the expense of St Cross Symondians III, whose 197-5 included a maiden 51 from 14-year-old talent Felix Organ.

But Aussie Jack Cunningham won the day for Purbrook – his 79 taking his season's run tally to 811.

CHRIS BENHAM

Ex-Hants ace in Oval showpiece

FORMER Hampshire cricketer Chris Benham has helped his adopted club Wimbledon reach the ECB National t20 Club Championship finals at the KIA Oval on Friday week, September 13.

Benham's SW19 club are the reigning national t20 champions and, after knocking out Southern Electric Cup winners South Wilts in the south play-offs, beat Frocester by 42 runs to claim their date at The Oval.

Also through to t20 finals day are Banbury, Chester-le-Street and Ormskirk.

The semi-finals of the ECB national club championship take place tomorrow, with Ealing – conquerors of Havant – hosting Swardeston and West Indies Cavaliers entertaining former holders South Northumberland.

The final is at Durham.

Plenty in reserve ...

TWO more Southern Electric Premier League second teams are on the brink of playing Hampshire League County Division 1 cricket in 2014.

Already certain of promotion, New Milton were chasing the County 2 championship at home to lowly Cadnam this afternoon.

Ropley, hosting Bedhampton today, will be joining them in the HL's top flight next term – probably alongside Sarisbury Athletic, who are favourites to land the third promotion slot.

Sarisbury, who are expected to beat Hungerford, were eight points ahead of fourth placed Liphook & Ripsley II going into today's final round of matches.

Liphook were at Purbrook.

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RUGBY NEWS

QBE Coaching scheme gets Budge's seal of approval...

FORMER Scotland captain and new Bournemouth RFC director of rugby Budge Pountney has hailed the QBE Insurance backed QBE Coaching Club as "a great idea" and endorsed the RFU's work in increasing the quantity and quality of rugby coaching in England.

The QBE Coaching Club has been established by the RFU in partnership with QBE to recruit and train 2,015 new level 2 rugby coaches by September 2015, through dedicated RFU-run courses run by the Union's network of regional teams at venues around the country.

Pountney, the former Northampton Saints and Scotland flanker, joined a group of 25 course members, comprising coaches from clubs and schools and players of varying ages, at Lord Wandsworth College in Hampshire over three days in June and July.

Lord Wandsworth was the school where England internationals Jonny Wilkinson and Ugo Monye played much of their early rugby.

Now it was the venue for Pountney, who captained Scotland six times among his 31 caps and also coached Northampton from 2003 to 2005, to add to his knowledge.

He is coaching rugby with sixth-year students at Totton College alongside his new role at Bournemouth RFC in National League Two South.

"I really enjoyed the QBE Coaching Club course," said Pountney, 39, who also serves as a citing officer for the RFU.

"I did my Intermediate coaching badges, the predecessor of Level 2, about 20 years ago and it has been fantastic to refresh them and pick up the new developments. The game and some of the laws have changed hugely from when I was a player, and the course opened my eyes to ask fresh questions.

"I had a few years' break from coaching before returning at Totton College and the course has given me a new perspective."

The RFU and QBE are working with a group of coach educators to train the new level 2 coaches, providing a consistent approach across the QBE Coaching Club.

Pountney, pictured above, who was born in Southampton and went to school in Winchester, explained: "The crux of the course is how to concentrate on a coaching style – to get the message across in the right way.

"We all want to make sure that a young player's first contact with a coach is a good one.

"There's a responsibility on coaches to teach all of this correctly.

"In a way I came full circle to be at Totton. We have a good squad of young first years [in the sixth form] who have done well and were third in the Hampshire Colleges league.

"Some of our players have played a bit of rugby before; others are new to it completely. The point of rugby at the college is to enrich the students – it is not about how good someone is as a rugby player but their development as a person."

Non-league Football

Visually impaired side mixing it with the best

HAMPSHIRE'S newly formed visually impaired football club are preparing to face Premier League quality as they look towards the start of the season next month.

The club was set up in February to provide an opportunity for blind and partially sighted people around the county to get involved in the sport.

And after receiving such great interest they have made the decision to play in the visually impaired football league and cup this term.

Richard Twose and Lee Davis, who are both athletes, saw the demand for the team, with the closest visually impaired sides located all the way in London.

And following a taster day, the club's first training session was held in June.

The session was attended by people from all around the south coast and has continued to escalate in numbers since.

Hampshire will play this season in Division Two, which includes sides from West Bromwich Albion, Tottenham Hotspur and Swansea City with first tournament on the 14th September in Swindon.

The league starts in September and runs until April with games held once a month in either Birmingham or Swindon.

The sport is usually played indoors and is open to anyone classified as B2 or B3.

B2 players can see movement and recognise silhouettes with B3 having slightly better vision, although, still see the world through a blur.

The team train two Saturdays a month at River Park Leisure Centre in Winchester from 2-4pm and training is run by FA qualified coaches.

The club is open to visually impaired males and females over the age of 16. All abilities are welcome.

The club are hoping to start a youth team in 2014. The next training session is at the river park leisure centre on 31st August 2-4pm.

Find out more from head coach Richard Twose on 07932560961 or email *Richard@wtgt.org.uk.*

Enquiries about sponsorship of the team, contact Julie Fowler, the club secretary, 07775 844951.

Girls are crowned national champions

SOUTHAMPTON Saints Girls and Ladies under-12s were crowned national champions at the University of Warwick last weekend after winning the prestigious ESF Festival Finale.

The tournament, which brought together the winner of the various regional competitions held last season, saw Saints kick off with a clash with Lincoln Griffiths, a small but technically sound team from Maidstone.

Saints took the game to Lincoln with midfield flare from Kia Anteney, Lisa Gilham and Arabella Suttie.

Simge Rosz in goal looked safe and her solid goal kicks caused a significant threat with Jennifer King running onto them.

King bagged herself four in the first game, with Beth Turner netting two, as Saints won 6-0.

In the second game, against Braunstone Albion from Skegness, Saints won 2-0 thanks to goials from Anteney and youngster Larissa White.

Saints faced Lincoln again in the third game, with the outcome the same as the first match as Saints romped to a 5-0 win with goals from Rosz, a hat-trick from King and a late strike from White.

That win was enough to see Saints crowned winners, meaning a 1-0 defeat in their last game, against Braunstone again, could not take the gloss off a brilliant day.

CUP WIN: Southampton Saints G&L FC U12s celebrate their ESF Festival win.

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Non-league Football

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS: Former teammates of the late Fareham Town defender Jimmy Searle from the 1970s and 80s pictured at the memorial golf day at Cams Hall, Fareham.

Pictures: Mike Vimpany

BIG TURNOUT FOR JIMMY

JIMMY SEARLE

● Former Fareham Town trio Mick O'Neill, left), central defender Bobby Gill, centre, and striker Henry Davis.

● Memorial Golf Day organiser Dave Searle, left, and former Fareham Town footballer Simon O'Neill, right.

IT'S 12 years since Jimmy Searle's death – but the former Fareham Town skipper's name lives on.

His former colleagues and teammates organise a late summer memorial golf day each year and this week more former footballers from yesteryear than ever played in the tournament at Cams Hall, Fareham, ***writes MIKE VIMPANY***.

The Jimmy Searle Day attracted almost 50 participants, with players ranging back as far as the 60s.

John Knight and Mick Watts, a formidable strike duo from the all-conquering Fareham Town side of the 1960s were there, alongside a host of well known names from the 70s and 80s.

Among the familiar faces at the event were former Bognor Regis Town manager Jack Pearce, Waterlooville's Ernie Bradwell and Fareham Town midfield duo Roger Buckland and Tony Callahan.

Western Australia-based Peter Farley arranged his annual visit from Perth to play.

"I'm truly humbled by the number of guys who turned out in my brother's golf tournament," said Dave Searle at the post-event supper.

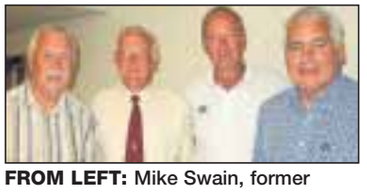
"Jimmy would be overwhelmed and it's fantastic that the camaraderie we enjoyed on the soccer field all those years ago still lives on stronger than ever."

PICTURED LEFT: The O'Neill brothers, Simon, left, Shaun, centre, and Mick.

LINE UP: John Knight, centre left, and Mick Watts, centre right, who terrorised Hampshire League defences for Fareham Town in the 1960s, are pictured with former teammate Mick Pearce, left, and brother Jack, right, former manager now chairman of Bognor Regis Town.

MIDFIELD MARVELS: Waterlooville's Ernie Bradwell, centre, is flanked by Fareham Town stars Roger Buckland, left, and Tony Callahan.

WINNERS: Former Fareham Town and Gosport Borough footballer Peter Farley, left, who had jetted back from Western Australia for the event, and Richard Duke show off their trophies.



FROM LEFT: Mike Swain, former Hampshire left-arm spinner Alan Wassell, Gosport Borough goalkeeper Tony Milne and Dave Ings.

Town land Canadian defender

WIMBORNE Town have secured the signature of one-time Winchester City trialist Patrick Wilson.

The Canadian defender – a coach with the AFC Bournemouth community programme on the Isle of Wight – has penned Southern League forms for Steve Cuss's Division One South & West promotion hopefuls.

Wilson has had a globe-trotting career, taking in stops in the USA, Belgium and Hungary en route to pitching up in Ryde and playing for Cowes Sports in the Sydenhams Division One.

He had trials with Winchester and Havant & Waterlooville in the summer of 2012 and has since been playing for Cowes' neighbours East Cowes Vics.

He attracted the attention of Wimborne fans during some tidy pre-season performances for the Magpies.

"We were impressed with Patrick and were looking at ways of getting him involved in the squad," explained Magpies boss Cuss.

Wilson's footballing story began in Canada where he played for the Erin Mills Soccer Club in the Canadian Soccer League.

He went on to study at Cornerstone University in Michigan, USA, where he led the Golden Eagles from centre-back from 2005-07.

He was honoured with the newcomer-of-the-year award in his first season and the Golden Eagles won the 2006 championships under his leadership.

Wimborne have had a decent start to the South & West campaign, picking up seven points in their opening four fixtures.

They went goal crazy on Saturday with a 6-0 home victory over Evesham United, led by hat-trick man Mark Gamble.

Former Winchester and Bashley striker Gamble was on target again on Monday, but this time the Magpies had to settle for a share of the points in a 1-1 draw at ten-man Bridgwater Town.

Wimborne became the first side to take points off the Somerset outfit this season when Gamble latched onto substitute Jamie Davidson's through ball after Dean Griffiths had given Bridgwater a first-half lead.

The tide turned in Wimborne's favour when home player Aaron Wilson was dismissed for foul and abusive language on the hour, but Cuss's charges couldn't quite turn their numerical advantage into a victory.

Davidson featured despite fracturing his wrist after landing awkwardly following a heavy tackle in the Magpies' 2-1 win over Godalming the previous Tuesday.

Reflecting on the Bridgwater game, Ulsterman Gamble said: "It was tough and it didn't help when we gave away a sloppy goal in the first half.

"We didn't look like scoring until Bridgwater were down to ten men but, thankfully, the lads stuck in and we were able to get a point.

"I did feel a bit of pressure to keep on scoring following Saturday's game, but I don't mind as long as it helps Wimborne to win."

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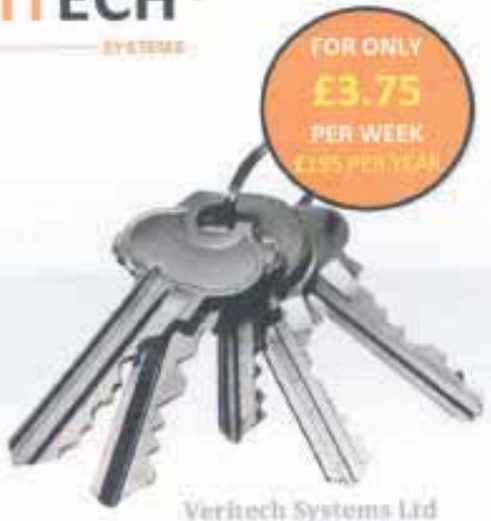

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KCC (Kings Community Church), Sovereign Place, Upper Northam Rd, 1.30, 3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm.
Claire 02380 407551

Hythe AM,
St John's Hall, New Road, Hythe, 9.30am.
Karen 02380 862990

North Baddesley,
The Village Hall, Botley Road, 5.30 & 7.30pm.
Charlotte 07810 643419

Thornhill,
The Hightown Centre, Tunstall Road, 7.30pm.
Karen 07826 850480

Upper Shirley,
Atherley Bowling Club, Hill Lane, 5.30 & 7.30pm.
Tiffany 07738 162450

Weston,
Chamberlayne Leisure Centre, Weston Lane, 3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm.
Hayley 07545 772258

Winchester,
Winchester RFC, North Walls Park, Off Hilliers Way, 7.15pm.
Joyce 01962 883331

Friday's

Hythe AM (BUTTS ASH),
St Annes Community Centre, Warrys Close, 9:30am.
Kim 02380 843883

Saturday's

Totton AM,
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Barclays Premier League

Cardiff ..... 0 **Everton** 0
HT 0-0 Att 27,344

Crystal P ..... L **Sunderlnd** L
HT L-L

Man City ..... 2 **Hull** 0
Negredo 65
Toure 90
HT 0-0 Att 46,903

Newcastle ..... 1 **Fulham** 0
Ben Arfa 86
HT 0-0 Att 46,402

Norwich ..... 1 **SAINTS** 0
Redmond 68
HT 0-0 Att 26,819

West Ham ..... 0 **Stoke** 1
Pennant 82
HT 0-0 Att 34,946

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Chelsea	3	2	0	0	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	7
Man City	3	2	0	0	6	0	0	0	1	2	3	6
Liverpool	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	6
Spurs	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	6
Stoke	3	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	6
Man Utd	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	4
West Ham	3	1	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	4
Norwich	3	1	1	0	3	2	0	0	1	0	1	4
SAINTS	**3**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**4**
Cardiff	3	1	1	0	3	2	0	0	1	0	2	4
Newcastle	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	4
Arsenal	2	0	0	1	1	3	1	0	0	3	1	3
A. Villa	3	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	4	3	3
Everton	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	3
Fulham	3	0	0	1	1	3	1	0	1	1	1	3
Hull	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	4	3
Sunderlnd	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
W.B.A.	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Crystal P	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Swansea	2	0	0	1	1	4	0	0	1	0	1	0

SkyBet Championship

Barnsley ..... 2 **Huddersfld** 1
O Grady 8 Vaughan 61
Pedersen 32
HT 2-0 Att 13,593

Birminghm ..... 1 **Ipswich** 1
Burke 76 Berra 30
HT 0-1 Att 14,328

Blackburn ..... 4 **Bolton** 1
Dunn 27 Baptiste 45
Rhodes 28,83
Evans 70
HT 2-1

Blackpool ..... 1 **Watford** 0
Ince 81
HT 0-0 Att 13,345

Brighton ..... 1 **Millwall** 1
Ulloa 89 Woolford 51
HT 0-0 Att 26,804

Charlton ..... 2 **Leicester** 1
Morrison 27 Drinkwater 62
Kermorgant 59
HT 1-0

Derby Cty ..... 0 **Burnley** 3
Ings 14
Vokes 32
Shackell 74
HT 0-2 Att 23,514

Doncaster ..... 0 **CHERRIES** 1
Pitman 31
HT 0-1 Att 6,769

Leeds Utd ..... 0 **Q.P.R.** 1
Hill 75
HT 0-0 Att 23,341

Middlesbro ..... 1 **Sheff Wed** 1
Carayol 49 Antonio 35
HT 0-1 Att 15,964

Wigan ..... 2 **Nottm For** 1
Maloney 14 pen Reid 8
Gomez 35
HT 2-1

Yeovil ..... 0 **Reading** 1
Le Fondre 77 pen
HT 0-0 Att 7,306

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Blackpool	5	3	0	0	3	0	1	1	0	4	2	13
Q.P.R.	5	2	0	0	3	1	2	1	0	3	1	13
Burnley	5	1	1	0	3	1	2	0	1	5	3	10
Nottm For	5	2	0	0	4	0	1	1	1	3	3	10
Leicester	5	1	1	0	3	2	2	0	1	4	3	10
CHERRIES	**5**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**2**	**3**	**11**	**9**
Watford	5	1	1	0	7	2	1	1	1	4	4	8
Wigan	5	1	2	0	6	5	1	0	1	4	1	8
Reading	5	1	1	0	5	4	1	1	1	2	2	8
Leeds Utd	5	1	1	1	3	3	1	1	0	2	1	8
Blackburn	5	2	0	1	9	4	0	1	1	1	3	7
Huddersfld	5	1	1	0	6	2	1	0	2	2	3	7
Brighton	5	1	1	1	4	3	1	0	1	2	2	7
Derby Cty	5	0	1	2	1	5	2	0	0	5	1	7
Middlesbro	5	0	2	1	3	4	1	1	0	3	2	6
Ipswich	5	1	0	1	4	2	0	1	2	2	4	4
Charlton	4	1	0	1	2	2	0	1	1	3	4	4
Doncaster	4	1	0	2	3	4	0	1	0	2	2	4
Birminghm	5	0	1	2	1	3	1	0	1	3	3	4
Barnsley	5	1	1	1	4	7	0	0	2	2	6	4
Sheff Wed	5	0	1	1	3	4	0	2	1	3	4	3
Yeovil	5	0	0	3	0	5	1	0	1	1	2	3
Millwall	5	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	1	3	6	2
Bolton	5	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	2	2	8	2

SkyBet League One

Brentford ..... 0 **Carlisle** 0
HT 0-0 Att 6,035

Colchester ..... 1 **Leyton O** 2
Ibehre 35 Mooney 13
Lisbie 63
HT 1-1 Att 5,056

Gillingham ..... 1 **Bristol C** 1
Akinfenwa 22 Elliott 45
HT 1-1 Att 5,616

Notts Cnty ..... 0 **Rotherham** 1
Agard 37
HT 0-1 Att 5,428

Oldham ..... 0 **Tranmere** 1
Lowe 90 pen
HT 0-0 Att 4,792

Peterboro ..... 0 **Crawley** 2
Alexander 22,65
HT 0-1 Att 6,761

Port Vale ..... 1 **Wolves** 3
Pope 90 Griffiths 56
Sigurdarson 75
McDonald 83
HT 0-0 Att 12,601

Sheff Utd ..... 0 **M K Dons** 1
Kay 87
HT 0-0 Att 15,080

Shrewsbry ..... 1 **Coventry** 1
Bradshaw 48 Wilson 4
HT 0-1 Att 6,541

Stevenage ..... 1 **Bradford** 1
Tansey 23 pen Reid 48
HT 1-0 Att 3,242

Swindon ..... 5 **Crewe** 0
Ranger 34
Luongo 43
Mason 47,55 pen,70
HT 2-0 Att 7,419

Walsall ..... 0 **Preston** 3
Byrom 30
Humphrey 58
Holmes 61
HT 0-1

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Leyton O	5	2	0	0	5	0	3	0	0	8	2	15
Wolves	5	2	0	0	6	1	2	1	0	5	2	13
Peterboro	5	2	0	1	3	3	2	0	0	9	2	12
Brentford	5	2	1	0	4	1	0	2	0	2	2	9
Rotherham	5	0	2	0	2	2	2	1	0	6	4	9
M K Dons	5	1	1	0	3	2	1	2	0	3	2	9
Bradford	5	2	0	0	6	0	0	2	1	4	5	8
Colchester	5	1	1	1	3	3	1	1	0	2	1	8
Preston	5	0	2	0	2	2	1	2	0	7	4	7
Swindon	5	2	1	0	8	2	0	0	2	0	3	7
Crawley	5	1	0	1	4	4	1	1	1	6	5	7
Walsall	5	1	1	1	4	5	1	0	1	1	1	7
Oldham	5	1	0	2	3	3	1	0	1	5	5	6
Shrewsbry	5	1	2	0	3	1	0	1	1	2	5	6
Stevenage	5	0	1	2	4	6	1	0	1	1	1	4
Port Vale	5	1	1	1	4	5	0	0	2	1	4	4
Sheff Utd	5	1	1	1	3	3	0	0	2	1	5	4
Tranmere	5	0	1	1	3	8	1	0	2	3	5	4
Crewe	5	1	1	0	5	4	0	0	3	0	8	4
Bristol C	5	0	1	1	3	4	0	2	1	7	8	3
Gillingham	5	0	2	1	2	3	0	1	1	2	6	3
Carlisle	5	0	0	2	1	9	0	2	1	1	5	2
Notts Cnty	5	0	0	3	2	6	0	1	1	2	3	1
Coventry	5	1	1	0	9	8	1	1	1	7	4	-2

*Coventry deducted 10 points for entering administration

SkyBet League Two

AFC Wimbledon 2 **Fleetwood Town** 0
Pell 42 pen
Smith 45
HT 2-0

Acc Stanley ..... 0 **Burton Albion** 1
Reed 90
HT 0-0 Att 1,174

Bristol R ..... 1 **Northmptn** 0
Lockyer 2
HT 1-0 Att 5,695

Bury ..... 4 **Cheltnham** 1
Mayor 9 Procter 4 og
Procter 12
Cameron 17
Reindorf 76
HT 3-1

Exeter ..... 2 **York** 1
Gow 23,72 Jarvis 19
HT 1-1 Att 3,448

Mansfield ..... 3 **Dagenham** 0
Clucas 35
McGuire 48
Rhead 72
HT 1-0 Att 3,015

Morecambe ..... 2 **Plymouth** 1
Ellison 29 Reid 27 pen
Amond 84
HT 1-1

Oxford Utd ..... 1 **Rochdale** 1
Constable 24 Lund 51
HT 1-0 Att 5,260

POMPEY ..... 0 **Chesterfld** 2
Gnanduillet 87
Darikwa 90
HT 0-0 Att 15,999

Scunthorpe ..... 1 **Newport County** 1
Winnall 2 Hughes 62
HT 1-0 Att 3,157

Torquay ..... 0 **Hartlepool** 0
HT 0-0 Att 2,646

GOAL: Manchester City's Yaya Toure celebrates his goal with fellow goalscorer Alvaro Negrado during their side's 2-0 win over Hull City earlier today.

Wycombe ..... 2 **Southend** 1
Morgan 7 Eastwood 14
Craig 32
HT 2-1 Att 3,533

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Chesterfld	5	2	0	0	4	1	2	1	0	6	2	13
Oxford Utd	5	1	2	0	5	4	2	0	0	7	2	11
Burton Albion	5	1	1	0	3	2	2	1	0	6	4	11
Wimbledon	5	3	0	0	6	2	0	1	1	1	3	10
Exeter	5	3	0	0	6	2	0	1	1	0	2	10
Fleetwood Tn	5	1	0	1	5	4	2	0	1	3	2	9
Southend	5	2	0	0	3	0	1	0	2	3	4	9
Newport Cnty	5	2	0	0	5	1	0	2	1	3	5	8
Mansfield	5	1	2	0	5	2	1	0	1	1	2	8
Bury	5	2	0	1	7	3	0	1	1	3	4	7
Bristol R	5	2	1	0	4	2	0	0	2	1	3	7
Wycombe	5	2	0	1	3	2	0	1	1	2	3	7
Morecambe	5	2	1	0	5	2	0	0	2	0	4	7
Scunthorpe	5	1	2	0	4	2	0	1	1	2	3	6
Plymouth	5	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	2	4	4	6
Torquay	5	0	2	1	2	4	1	1	0	3	2	6
Rochdale	5	1	1	0	5	2	0	1	2	1	3	5
POMPEY	**5**	**1**	**0**	**2**	**4**	**6**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**4**	**4**	**5**
Dagenham	5	1	1	0	3	1	0	1	2	2	7	5
York	5	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	3	7	4
Cheltnham	5	0	1	1	3	5	1	0	2	2	6	4
Northmptn	5	1	0	1	4	3	0	0	3	0	4	3
Hartlepool	5	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	1	0	3	2
Acc Stanley	5	0	1	2	2	4	0	0	2	1	7	1

Scottish Premiership

Aberdeen ..... 0 **St Johnstn** 0
HT 0-0 Att 9,478

Dundee Utd ..... 0 **Celtic** 1
Stokes 87
HT 0-0 Att 10,586

Hibernian ..... 0 **Ross Cnty** 0
HT 0-0

Inverness CT ..... 2 **Hearts** 0
McKay 10,32
HT 2-0 Att 4,034

Motherwell ..... L **Kilmarnock** L
HT L-L

St Mirren ..... 1 **Partick** 2
McLean 50 Higginbotham 81
Forbes 84
HT 0-0 Att 5,601

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Inverness CT	5	3	0	0	7	0	1	1	0	3	2	13
Celtic	4	1	1	0	4	3	2	0	0	3	0	10
Partick	5	0	2	0	1	1	2	0	1	5	3	8
St Johnstn	5	2	0	0	5	0	0	2	1	0	4	8
Aberdeen	5	1	1	1	2	3	1	0	1	4	3	7
Motherwell	4	1	0	1	2	3	1	0	1	1	2	6
Dundee Utd	5	1	0	2	4	2	0	2	0	1	1	5
Hibernian	5	0	2	1	1	2	1	0	1	2	2	5
Ross Cnty	5	1	0	1	4	3	0	1	2	1	6	4
Kilmarnock	4	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	2	3	2
St Mirren	4	0	1	1	2	3	0	0	2	0	6	1
Hearts	5	2	0	0	3	1	0	1	2	1	4	-8

*Hearts deducted 15 points for entering administration

Scottish Championship

Cowdenbth ..... 3 **Dumbarton** 2
Stevenson 21 Turner 51,64
Robertson 72
Hemmings 90
HT 1-0 Att 384

Falkirk ..... 1 **Hamilton** 2
Fulton 50 Antoine-Curier 72
Crawford 75
HT 0-0 Att 3,266

Morton ..... 1 **Raith** 1
Imrie 39 pen Anderson 78
HT 1-0 Att 1,545

Queen Sth ..... 0 **Alloa** 0
HT 0-0 Att 1,607

Scottish League One

Arbroath ..... 2 **Brechin** 1
Ayr Utd ..... 2 **Airdrieonians** 2
Dunfrmline ..... 3 **Stranraer** 1
Forfar ..... 1 **Stenhsmuir** 2
Rangers ..... 5 **East Fife** 0

Scottish League Two

Albion R ..... 0 **Montrose** 2
Berwick ..... 4 **Annan Athletic** 2
E Stirling ..... 1 **Peterhead** 4
Elgin ..... 1 **Clyde** 0
Queen Park ..... 0 **Stirling A** 2

Grey panels indicate High-scoring games

Local non-league results

SKRILL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE South
Basingstoke 2 Staines 1
Bath City 3 Concord Rangers 1
Boreham Wood 0 Eastleigh 3
Bromley 2 Gosport Borough 1
Chelmsford 1 Weston-super-Mare 2
Dorchester 1 Ebbsfleet 3
Dover 0 Hayes & Yeading 1
Eastbourne Borough pp Farnborough
Havant & Waterlooville 1 Tonbridge Angels 2
Maidenhead 2 Bishops Stortford 2
Sutton 2 Whitehawk 0

CALOR SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division
Arlesey 3 Hinckley 1
Banbury 1 Frome 2
Bashley 0 Bideford 1
Bedford 2 Stourbridge 0
Burnham 0 Hemel Hempstead 3
Chippenham 1 AFC Totton 2
Hungerford 0 Chesham 1
Poole Town 2 Biggleswade 1
St Albans 1 Corby 0
St Neots 2 Redditch 3
Truro 1 Hitchin 1
Weymouth 1 Cambridge City 1

FA CUP
Preliminary round
Fleet Town 0 Westfield 1
Moneyfields 2 Longwell Green Sports 2
Godalming 0 AFC Portchester 1
Bournemouth Poppies 2 Hallen 4
Winchester City 3 Swindon Supermarine 0
Bristol Manor Farm 7 Lymington Town 1
Petersfield 1 Horndean 2
Newport IoW 0 Fareham Town 2
Brockenhurst 2 Folland Sports 0
Totton & Eling 0 Sholing 0
Street 1 Paulton Rovers 0

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division
Romsey Town 1 Bemerton HH 3
Verwood 1 Downton 1
Whitchurch 0 Blackfield & Langley 1
Division One
Andover NS 1 Hythe & Dibden 4
East Cowes Vics 2 Hayling 2
Ringwood Town 1 Andover Town 7
Stockbridge 2 Amesbury 0
Team Solent 2 Laverstock & Ford 2
US Portsmouth 0 Pewsey Vale 3

PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE
Premier Division
AFC Aldermaston pp Fleetlands, AFC
Stoneham 1 Headley Utd 0
Baffins Milton Rovers 1 Overton 1
Bournemouth Sports 1 Liss 4
Clanfield 3 Bishops Waltham 1
Colden Common 0 Paulsgrove 1
Hedge End Rangers 2 Locks Heath 5
Liphook 2 Winchester Castle 0
Otterbourne 3 QK Southampton 1
Division One
Durley 2 Andover Lions 4
Four Marks 1 Infinity 1
Upham 1 Bush Hill 2
Combination Division
Bishops Waltham 4 Clanfield 4
Fleetlands 6 Michelmersh & Timsbury 1
Hamble Club 3 Otterbourne 0
Overton pp AFC Stoneham
Paulsgrove 0 Hedge End Rangers 3
Winchester Castle 3 Liphook 1

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Premier Division
AFC Totton 0 Wimborne Town 1
Bemerton HH 3 Moneyfields 2
Division One East:
Alton 1 Petersfield 3
Hayling Utd 0 Newport IoW 1
Horndean 1 Alresford 5
Division One West:
Downton pp East Cowes Vics,
Laverstock & Ford 1 Christchurch 1

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